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WEEKENDER PEOPLE

THE Air Training Corps has become a regular part of life for Steve Penny, having joined as a cadet when he was 14 and stayed on to become the Flight Lieutenant in charge of 2381 Ilminster Squadron.

The Squadron has a large catchment area, drawing teenagers from Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster and even from Axminster and Honition. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the ATC hut in Shudrick Lane, where they are fortunate enough to have their own rifle range.

By day, Steve is an aerospace designer and engineer working for Honeywell Aerospace for the last 16 years. He was married in May this year.

Like many young people, Steve joined the cadets when his school friends said how much they were enjoying it. He liked the variety of activities available to the members and never left. Ilminster has about 50 cadets but, because they all have other commitments with school, etc., they are seldom all together and there is plenty of room for more.

60 seconds

WHAT do you enjoy most about being a cadet leader?
It is varied and I enjoy the challenge of seeing the cadets come in at 13 or 14 years of age and progressing through. Many take their Duke of Edinburgh awards which is always looked on favourably by employers or if they want to join the forces. It is very satisfying.

DO you go on many trips with the cadets?
We frequently have camps organised by the Devon and Somerset Area and about three times a month we do adventure training. There is a lot of variety.

WHAT would you say was the most important event on the cadet calendar?
For Ilminster it's probably Remembrance Day because we parade in Chard in the morning and Ilminster in the afternoon. It's a long day but no one begrudges it and everyone has a good time. The Battle of Britain Parade is another important one.

DID you ever want to be a pilot?
I did my glider training when I was a cadet myself but I never harboured any ambition to be a pilot.

WHAT do you enjoy about your job?
I like the challenge of getting the equipment that is needed into the space allocated in order to keep the aircraft as light as possible.

DO you do anything to keep fit?
I do run, or stagger as my wife would say! I have lapsed a bit. I used to like doing the 10k runs on a Sunday and sometimes I run at lunchtimes with my colleagues.

WHAT would you like to take on your desert island?
I would have to have chocolate - milk chocolate and Diet Coke. I am a grumpy old man if I don't get my caffeine and crisps. I had the discussion once about if you could only have one flavor which would it be and I was torn between salt and vinegar or bacon, but if would have to be salt and vinegar.

WHAT kind of music do you enjoy?
It varies, I am quite eclectic depending on mood but I like electronic music and rock music.

DO you have any other hobbies or interests?
When I can find the time, I like to watch sport, go to the cinema or read. I like walking as well.

DO you have any pet hates?
I am a bit obsessive when it comes to tidying up. I am a great believer in the old saying of everything has its place. I suppose it comes from having an organised mind.

ARE you a foodie?
I do like my food and my favourite meal is steak and chips. I used to like my steak like charcoal but my wife has been educating me and now I like it medium rare.

DO you have any unfulfilled ambitions?
I love nature and wildlife and always wanted to see elephants. I ticked one of the boxes when we went to Africa for our honeymoon. To see elephants and giraffes in the

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Maiden Beech Academy becomes specialist centre

By Marion Draper

MAIDEN Beech Academy has been created a Somerset Centre for Innovation and Research (SCIR).

Recognition and affiliation as a centre took place with a representative from Somerset Centre for Integrated Learning (SCIL) - a department of the Children and Young People's Directorate within Somerset County Council.

The affiliation is endorsed by SCIL and the University College Plymouth, St Mark and St John.

Somerset Centre for Innovation and Research status is offered as part of the new initiative of the Somerset Leadership College, which offers leadership training and development, advice and support for leaders in Somerset. SCIR has been running since 2009 and now has 27 affiliated centres.

SCIL's Manager Vicky Thomas said: "Maiden Beech Academy has demonstrated a strong ongoing commitment to the professional development of all staff and a creative approach to teaching and learning. My congratulations go to all staff involved."

At the heart of the centre is the promotion of innovation and personal research for all colleagues which provides a framework for investigating and resolving professional challenges and developing creativity. As a SCIR there is a strong emphasis on outcomes for children and young people.

The school has also been chosen to develop international links with India as part of a major new school twinning project to boost global education.

Connecting Classrooms is a UK government and British Council education initiative.

Maiden Beech has been selected in recognition of its commitment to teaching students about global issues. Teachers and students are working with TVS School in India to learn how to become responsible global citizens and to develop skills to work in a global economy. Schools across the UK can benefit from a range of support offered by the scheme.

Headteacher of Maiden Beech, Steve Smith said: "We are very pleased to be involved with this project because it is helping to broaden the geographical and cultural horizons of our students and show them that the world is a delightfully diverse and fascinating place. The support from 'Connecting Classrooms' is enabling us to do this. This will be the third year of our partnership and it is growing stronger all the time. Maiden Beech will be having 'India Week' later on in the year so that all of our staff and students can participate in this cultural experience and I am also excited by the possibility that a small number of students may participate in an exchange. This has the potential to be an invaluable life-changing experience."

The Secretary of State for International Development, Justine Greening said:"I am very pleased that Maiden Beech Academy in Crewkerne is taking on this excellent opportunity to link with schools in other parts of our world. Young people and teachers can make a fantastic contribution by sharing the best of Britain with their peers around the world and at the same time, the great thing is that they can get invaluable knowledge of what life is like in other countries.

"Connecting Classrooms will enable pupils to learn about the world around them, about the facts of poverty that face children their own age in developing countries, and how education can help eradicate poverty. It will also benefit teachers by enhancing their professional skills."

The programme will enable teachers and students from Maiden Beech to take part in an exchange visit with a TVS School in Bangalore and work on classroom-based projects together, with the aim of giving young people a unique and hands-on international learning experience.

W news briefing

Dog fouling on Henhayes

THE issue of dog fouling on Henhayes recreation ground has once more come to the fore with town councillors considering whether dog owners should be requested to keep their dogs on leads, in order to better keep control of them.

The council will be revisiting the subject and would be interested to hear the views of the public as to how best to tackle the situation.

Shop bin targeted

THE RED Cross Shop in Falkland Square has been a victim of bin vandals on more than one occasion.

Manager Jo Hampshire said that despite acquiring a new locking bin, she still came to work to find it had been broken into and all the rubbish strewn around.

She commented: "If they were just taking things from the bins, I wouldn't worry so much but it's the mess , it's just thrown about everywhere and it's not just our bins , its been happing to others in the town."

Mrs Hampshire said that she hadn't reported the earlier incidents to the police but would be doing so now.

Dangerous tree to be felled

AN AILING monkey puzzle tree outside the Cemetery Lodge in Crewkerne has been declared dangerous and will be cut down along with additional work on three oak trees.

Celebration for Flower, aged 103

RESIDENT of the Moorlands residential home in Merriott, Ida McCarthy, celebrated her 103rd birthday recently.

Mrs McCarthy formerly lived at Snowdon House in Chard but moved in to Moorlands in February.

The staff organised a little party for the former florist, known affectionately by her family as Flower. It was attended by her daughter Janet Knight from Chard and other family members from Stevenage and the New Forest.

The Hinton Singers went along to entertain the party and get the birthday girl to join in with some floral themed old favourites such as Tiptoe through the Tulips.

Although very hard of hearing, the centenarian sang along and played a miniature tambourine.

■ EXTRA SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: Ida McCarthy celebrating her 103rd birthday with daughter Janet Knight and the Hinton Singers

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Fun at the fete raises hospital funds

By Marion Draper

THE Rotary Club and Inner Wheel were among the supporters of the annual Crewkerne Hospital Fete on Saturday, running stalls and offering entertainment.there

Musical interludes were provided by stalwart Brian Cornelius with his hand operated organ and by Nyther Nore Scrumpy and Western, a trio of musicians who having retired to the area, rediscovered each other and decided to form a band, playing 50s -70s music, and a little jazz.

Since playing at the fete last year and some open mic events at the King's Arms, they have ended up fully booked for the rest of the year. The friendly threesome, sometimes affectionately called One Foot in the Groove, willingly give heir time to entertain for local charities and will be playing at Bowhayes residential home for Halloween. They can be contacted on 01460 72764.

Taking the audience to a different level, there was a Tai Chi demonstration in the car park, with relaxing oriental music and slow moves by members of the the Bao's Lung Fei Tai Chi group which meets in Beaminster and Crewkerne.

■ TOMBOLA WINNER: Morgan Adam with her prize from the Crewkerne Rotary Club stall

■ GIVING THEIR TIME: Nyther Nore Scrumpy & Western trio

■ PEACEFUL MOVES: Bao's Lung Fei Tai Chi

■ GOT IT: Kelsey Normanton splats the rat

Bombers raise £3,202 for CLIC

■ DIDN'T WE DO WELL: Merriott Bombers youth football team with their donation of £3,202 for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent, raised at their recent football tournament and fun day held at Henhayes recreation ground in Crewkerne. The event was held in support to team member, 12-year-old Jarvis Harp, who has just returned to school following treatment for a brain tumour.

CUDOS all a flap for Twenties Millie

CREWKERNE United Dramatic and Operatic Society trod the boards last week with their production of Thoroughly Modern Millie featuring a large cast and 20s dance routines.

This classic show brought together many family members on stage and saw the return of previous CUDOS members.

Although there is a dark underbelly to the plot, the story is on the whole is an upbeat tale of love and mystery with a good old fashioned happy ending, even the bad guys had a loveable side.

The cast worked very hard on this production, under the eye of Dendy Harris, who made a superb job of directing her first musical. Another first was set designer Lara Robinson who had studied TV and film set design at university Together with the construction skills of Dave Brolly, she came up with a minimalist design with a clever use of doors and ligthing, the infamous tap dancing lift, and an amusing way of showing subtitles for the Chinese antics of Ching Ho and Bun Foo (Richard Walters and Ross Dash). Ann Brolly who has often directed CUDOS shows, returned to the stage for this one with a highly entertaining portrayal of the sinister Chino –American, Mrs Meers.

The lead roles of Millie (Hattie Eason) and Jimmy (Nick Harris), were well cast, making a lovely couple to the eye of the audience and were two very talented people along with the equally talented Charlotte Harris and William Scott-Robinson, who hammed up beautifully the ethereal 'love at first sight' scene as Millie's dipsy friend Dorothy and serious boss, Trevor Graydon.

The costumes were stylish and carefully chosen and created by head of costume Beth Dyer for colour. The effect was a wonderful contrast between the dowdiness of the work-a-day and the glamorous party land of the other show stopper of the tale, Muzzy Van Hossmere, the larger than life party hostess, portrayed by the voluptuous Lorraine Dash, who oozed socialite singer from every diamante. Hair and makeup were also spot on for the period .

A great triumph for the cast and back stage crew - CUDOS at its best.

■ COMIC INTERLUDE: Ching Ho (Richard Walters) Mrs Meers (Ann Brolly) and Bun Foo (Ross Dash)

■ ONLY IN NEW YORK : Muzzy (Lorraine Dash) makes an entrance

Words and photos by Marion Draper

■ GLAM DRAM: The chorus of Thoroughly Modern Millie

■ NO HEALTH AND SAFETY: Jimmy (Nick Harris) and Millie (Hattie Eason) dance on a window ledge

■ CUPID STRIKES: Mr Graydon and Miss Dorothy (William Scott –Robinson and Charlotte Harris)

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As bank lending to small businesses falls across the South West Chartered accountant Robert Stone advises business owners seeking funding to look at the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS)

ACCORDING to recent figures released by the British Bankers Association (BBA), bank lending to businesses in the West Country has decreased by £261million between 2011 to 2012. Chartered Accountant Robert Stone, from Ilminster in Somerset, believes that tighter lending requirements and a perception by small businesses that banks are harder to deal with could account for this downward trend. However, he recommends that new enterprises shouldn't get hung up on the banks, but instead should consider the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS).

"It is hard for start-up businesses to raise finance as the banks will ask them for both evidence of experience as well as assets, which is more applicable to well established companies," said Robert Stone. "Whereas equity funding, which is what SEIS is all about, is actually designed to help existing small businesses and new enterprises source finance."

Introduced in April 2012, SEIS is designed to boost economic growth in the UK by encouraging investment in small and early-stage businesses, while at the same time providing incentive to entrepreneurs. It offers excellent income tax and capital gains tax relief to investors who subscribe in cash for qualifying shares in a qualifying company.

There is a comprehensive list of qualifying criteria for both companies looking for investment and investors themselves and it is important that professional advice is sought by businesses thinking of applying for funding through SEIS, as well as by investors.

Who is eligible for funding through SEIS?

- Approved start-ups can receive funding of up to £150,000.
- It must be a UK company with a permanent UK base.
- The company must be new - under two years old.
- The business must be small with fewer than 25 full time (or equivalent) employees.
- SEIS funding will not be given to businesses that are not financially healthy.
- The company must have gross assets of less than £200,000.
- The company must not have previously received investments under the EIS or VCT schemes.
- Any funds raised under SEIS must be used in an approved business activity within three years of investment - relief cannot be claimed by investors until a minimum of 70 per cent of the money has been spent.

Activities excluded under SEIS

There are a number of trades that do not qualify for the SEIS. These include:

- Dealing in land, in commodities or futures in shares, securities or other financial instruments.
- Dealing in goods, other than in an ordinary trade of retail or wholesale distribution.
- Financial activities such as banking, insurance, money-lending, debt-factoring, hire-purchase financing or any other financial activities.
- Leasing or letting assets on hire, except in the case of certain ship-chartering activities.
- Legal or accountancy services.
- Property development.
- Farming, market gardening, holding, managing or occupying woodlands, any other forestry activities or timber production.
- Operating or managing hotels or comparable establishments or managing property used as an hotel or comparable establishment.

Application for formal approval

Businesses considering getting funding through SEIS can apply in advance to HMRC (HM Revenue & Customs) to check that their proposed share offer meets the required criteria. This offers reassurance to potential investors that their investment will qualify for tax relief. Formal approval cannot be obtained until a business has been trading for four months or, if not yet trading, it must have spent at least 70 per cent of the money raised by the issue of shares.

Who are behind the funds in SEIS?

- Venture investment firms who raise money from private investors and who can also offer expert help and advice.
- Business Angels in the form of private investors, who are normally successful entrepreneurs in their own right.
- Crowdfunding, comprising groups of small investors, usually on the internet. Individual members decide how much they want to invest.
- Family and friends can invest under SEIS, however, they must not have a substantial interest in the company, i.e. they are not allowed to control the company or own more than 30 per cent of share capital.

Benefits for investors

The best point about SEIS for an investor is that they can claim an income tax reduction equal to 50 per cent of the cost of the shares, up to a maximum annual investment of £100,000. Investing in small companies and start-up businesses is riskier than buying shares in large dependable companies, but small companies can grow very quickly and can double or treble the amount of money invested. Shares must be held for at least three years from date of issue in order to qualify for tax relief.

Robert Stone is available to discuss SEIS. He can be contacted on: 01460 55661 or emailed: robert@robert-stone.co.uk

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Village's long-standing carnival entrants

By Marion Draper

COLOUR and music lit up South Petherton for the annual carnival procession on Saturday night.

Although entry numbers have diminished over recent years, crowds still lined the streets to watch the local groups, carnival clubs and majroettes entertain. However, organisers were disappointed to hear that this year's procession was the last for South Petherton Sports and Social Club, which has been one of the larger entries for the past 10 years.

The club went out on a high with their lively, international-theme entry, "Rocking all Over the World", taking second in the best local float category.

The 2nd South Petherton Scouts took first place with their own take on Michael Jackson favourite "Thriller", with a graveyard full of zombies and an amusing reference to local politics with a headstone reading "SP Parish Council".

Overall champions was Rascals Carnival Club, the youngsters looking great on their brightly lit "Showboat".

There were three groups of majorettes this year, Merriott Silhouettes, Trojan Twirlers from Ilton and the winners Chard Goldstars with their very striking face paints and new moves.

South Petherton Junior School had really gone to town with their group of Roald Dahl characters, which won them the best youth costume prize.

It may have been a small procession compared to those on the circuit but, as one of the few villages still running their own carnival, South Petherton still put on a quality show thanks to a dedicated team and local support

■ CUTE FACTOR: Children on the Brewers Arms Carival Club float 'Brewers Barnyard'

■ PRETTY IN PINK: The Merriott Silhouettes majorettes

■ ZOMBIE SCOUTS: 2nd South Petherton Scouts' 'Thriller' entry

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■ TRIBUTE TO DAHL: South Petherton Junior School

■ COLOURFUL COSTUMES: Rascals CC with 'Showboat'

■ LAST TIME: South Petherton Sports and Social Club's 'Rocking All Over the World' entry

■ LITTLE LAMBS: Brewers Arms CC

■ WHAT A FRIGHT! A member of the 2nd South Petherton Scouts

■ RODEO: More from Brewers Arms CC

CARNIVAL RESULTS

Carnival Designers: 4-7 years - 1st Martha Swift, runner-up Rebecca Mackenzie; 8-11 years - 1st Samuel Muxlow, runner-up William Elswood; 12-16 years - 1st Hattie Palmer, runner-up - Megan Hayward.

Class 1 Feature - 1st Showboat by Rascals CC; 2nd Rocking All Over The World by South Petherton Sports and Social Club; 3rd Brewers Barnyard by Brewers Arms CC.

Class 2 Comic - 1st Thriller by 2nd South Petherton Scouts; 2nd Scooby Doo & Pals by Angie Allen CC.

Class 3 Best Public House - 1st Rocking All Over The World by South Petherton Sports and Social Club; 2nd Brewers Barnyard by Brewers Arms CC.

Class 5 Walking Pairs - 1st We're Back by Inferno CC; Carnival Of Animals by South Petherton Infants School.

Class 8 Children/Youth Costume - 1st Roald Dahl by South Petherton Junior School.

Class 9 Walking Wheeled - 1st Little Somerset by Sam Burke CC.

Class 10 Trade Entry - 1st Tracey Smith Emphasis.

Class 11 Classic Vehicle - 1st Mr & Mrs Monaghan Granada.

Class 12 Best Costume On Float - 1st Showboat by Rascals CC.

Class 13 Best Music On Float - 1st Showboat by Rascals CC.

Class 14 Best Local Walking Entry - 1st Roald Dahl by South Petherton Junior School; 2nd Carnival Of Animals by South Petherton Infant School.

Class 15 Best Local Float Entry - 1st Thriller by 2nd South Petherton Scout Group; 2nd Rocking All Over The World by South Petherton Sports and Social Club; 3rd Brewers Barnyard by Brewers Arms CC.

Class 16 Overall Carnival Champion - 1st Showboat by Rascals CC .

Class 17 Majorettes Champion - 1st Chard Gold Stars.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome back Jasmine!

THE Beauty Zone @ ThirtyOne is delighted to announce that Jasmine will be returning from 1st October.

Regular clients of The Beauty Zone will remember Jasmine who worked with us for two years before leaving for a new challenge.

She will now be returning to work full time at The Beauty Zone and is looking forward to welcoming back previous clients and meeting new ones.

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■ IN MEMORY OF CAF: The family and friends of murder victims Catherine Wells-Burr prepare to release balloons in aid of the Catherine Wells-Burr Foundation

Remembering Catherine one year on

OVER 150 balloons were released from the playing field of Holyrood Academy in Chard on Saturday, September 14th, in remembrance of former pupil Catherine Wells-Burr, one year after her murder.

The teal coloured balloons had been purchased for £2 each by those wishing to donate to the Catherine Wells-Burr Foundation, set up by her family to provide a fund to support other families facing loss and trauma during murder or manslaughter cases.

In addition, Catherine's family members released 12 white balloons in her name after an extremely difficult year.

The mourners, helped by Paul and Maria Pike of Sue's Flowers who supplied the balloons, watched as their tributes floated upward and sailed right the town where Catherine had lived and worked.

Once again, her mother Jayne, father Phil and sister Leanne were warmed by the love and support expressed by those around them and would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising efforts to create something good from the tragedy.

Rotary support equine therpay

THE Rotary Club of Chard welcomed special guests to their meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, when Trustees of the Ilminster-based equine assisted therapy charity, Horseshoes and Handprints, were invited to receive a donation.

The cheque for £750 came from proceeds of a concert by the Budleigh Salterton Male Voice Choir, hosted by the Rotary President Robert Rollings at St Mary's Church in Chard.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the charity were chairman of the trustees, Dr Mark Hulland, and trustee treasurer Desi Fradgley.

Dr Hulland thanked the club, not only for the donation but also for their physical effort by way of a work party, which recently visited the therapy centre at Manor Farm in Stocklinch.

He said: "Your help came at a difficult time for the charity which had to undergo a few changes and we are very grateful. Tthe concert you held was a great success.

"It is also nice to know that there is a community behind us and this money will be used directly to help local families.

■ VALUABLE SUPPORT: Trustees of Horseshoes and Handprints, Dr Mark Hulland and Desi Fradgley, accept a donation from Chard Rotary president Robert Rollings

"Your working party turned up like a cross between the SAS and the Keystone Cops, taking only a six-minute break and enabled us to get a lot more done in a short period of time.

"Just by supporting us you have helped immensely, because any organisation supported by Rotary gains credibility and other support usually follows."

Also paying his first visit to the club was the new District 1200 Governor, Brian Kirkup, from Wrington Vale. He praised the members for the support they had given to Horseshoes and Handprints in a year when Rotary was focusing on helping young people.

Mr Kirkup was particularly impressed that the club had reached out to the community in such a way and held up their work as a shining example of the Rotary motto, "Service Before Self".

He commented: "It is the work of the clubs which is the heart of the district".

Horseshoes and Handprints would like to thank the Rotary Club of Chard and all the concert-goers who supported the event and made extra donations on the night.

The charity works with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum or coping with neurological disorders, hyper activity, and mental health or behavior issues connected with all levels of emotional trauma.

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■ GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS: Toni Taylor collecting the cheque for the air ambulance from Shaun Vining with, right swimming coach June Turner from Chard and District Swimming Club and members Lauren and Paul Harrison from the swimming club

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DONATIONS of £50 each from Complete Meats in Chard were given to Chard and District Swimming Club, to help towards running the club and to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The cheque for the air ambulance was given in memory of Liam Taylor, from Chard, who died after a car crash In Ilminster last year.

Cheques to the good causes were presented by Shaun Vining, owner of Complete Meats, at the Flamingo Pool in Axminster where the swimming club trains.

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Youngsters enjoy summer skate jam

GREAT weather greeted the start of the skate jam, held at Henson Park in Chard again this summer.

Stallholders from local community groups and charities set up around the park as youngsters on scooters, skateboards, rollerblades and BMX bikes warmed up for the competition, organised this year by Ryan Doller from Streetspace.

Somerset Rural Youth Project leaders, Laura Johns and Robin Winkley, had set up a slack line for young people to test their balance and co-ordination just a couple of feet off the ground and there was an opportunity for some to take part in graffiti art.

Street Pastors were on hand to get to know some of the young people and the youth club served up burgers.

O is for 'outstanding' at play premier

THE premier performance of the original musical "O is for Ofsted" by the talented Ilminster-based Make Theatre Company was a definite hit.

Following their successful musical "Retail Therapy", which they took to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year, the group chose another contemporary subject for their production which is touring locally before heading for the Fringe in 2014.

With lyrics and script by Sophy Layzell, Kat Wilsher and the Make Theatre Company, and music by Nat Wilsher, this fresh, witty insight into school life was something everyone could relate to.

THEATRE REVIEW
By Marion Draper

A folically-challenged science master in love with the food-obsessed French mistress and a maths teacher trying to make his subject more hip were just some examples of the amusing dynamics of the staffroom.

Slick changes from teacher to pupil, by way of a simple article of clothing, was masterfully achieved by the small cast. The characters were very believable, defying anyone in the audience not to identify a familiar moment from their own school experience.

Attention to detail with extra humorous touches both in the scripting and facial expressions were superb. Even the programme was entertaining, with profiles of the cast written as if part of a school report.

As a work still in progress, the audience were asked to fill out feedback forms at the first showing in Sweet Surprise on Thursday, September 12th but there was very little to fault - it was a well-executed, polished performance, entertaining and amusing both in the acting and song lyrics.

For the Fringe, it needs to be short and slick but, for the stage, it could easily stand to be more lengthy, perhaps with the addition of the ever present school dinner issue and the antics of the sports field.

However, unlike the resulting Ofsted report of the school portrayed in the play, O was for Outstanding!

■ O IS FOR OFSTED: Pictured above, teachers on the first day of term. Left, teen students Nat Wilsher, Lucy Down and Rosie Colthorpe and, right, Matt Ostler tries to get down with the kids as out-of-touch maths teacher Jim Colthorpe

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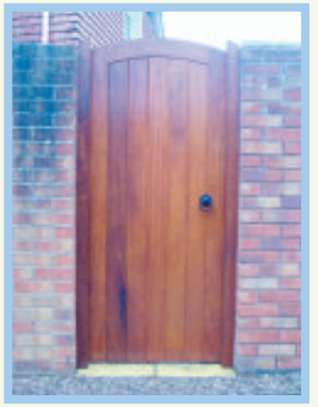

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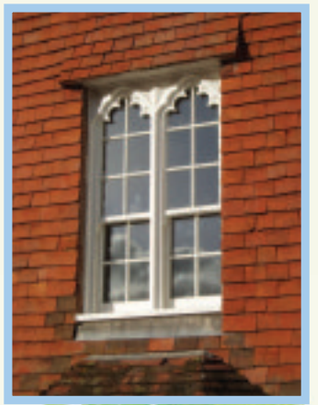

Saving Lives at Sea in Dorset

WHEN the mast of a 120-year-old sail-training vessel came crashing down in rough seas and gale force winds off Portland Bill, Weymouth RNLI Coxswain Andy Sargent and his crew aboard Weymouth's *Ernest and Mabel* raced to their aid. Andy and his six crew members rushed to the station and were heading out to sea in less than ten minutes from receiving the call.

The 24m Brixham trawler *Leader* is run by Devon based Trinity Sailing Foundation who offer disadvantaged young people the chance to sail. With winds gusting up to 40 knots she had been sailing south of the Bill when her main mast snapped, bringing her rigging, sail and boom, crashing into the water.

Remarkably, no-one was hurt. But, unable to control the boat following the dismasting, the Brixham trawler had started to drift into the Race, an area of dangerous currents off the Bill.

Andy said: 'The mast was broken and the rigging was in the water on the vessel's port side, so the crew had to deal with this first so it didn't become a hazard to the *Leader* or to us. They secured the debris alongside the casualty boat as best they could in the conditions and then having determined that no one was injured we secured a tow line.'

'They couldn't use their engine as the gear and rigging was in the water and could have got caught around the propeller.' Due to the rough weather it took five hours for the volunteer lifeboat crew to tow the 1892 wooden sailing ketch *Leader*, safely back to port.

Rescues such as this are only made possible thanks to the generosity of RNLI supporters. The RNLI are grateful for all the support they receive from people generously donating their money or time, however, legacies are critical to the future of the RNLI and to saving lives. The sea will always be a danger and the RNLI will always be needed to rescue those in trouble.

Many people think that legacies are only for the wealthy, but anyone can leave a gift in their Will to their favourite charity. Any gift, whether it pays for a pair of boots or a boat is gratefully received. Of course it's important that you take care of loved ones first, but the RNLI are asking people to consider the difference a gift could make to the lifeboat crews. It's surprisingly easy to do.

To the RNLI, legacies are a lifeline. A legacy is much more than a gift left in a Will, it's the lifeboat that launches to answer a call for help, the training that helps the volunteer crews reach a vessel in distress and the rope that pulls someone of the water to safety.

To find out more about how to leave a gift to the RNLI please call Legacy Manager Mark Allwood on 01202 663032, or visit rnli.org.uk/legacy

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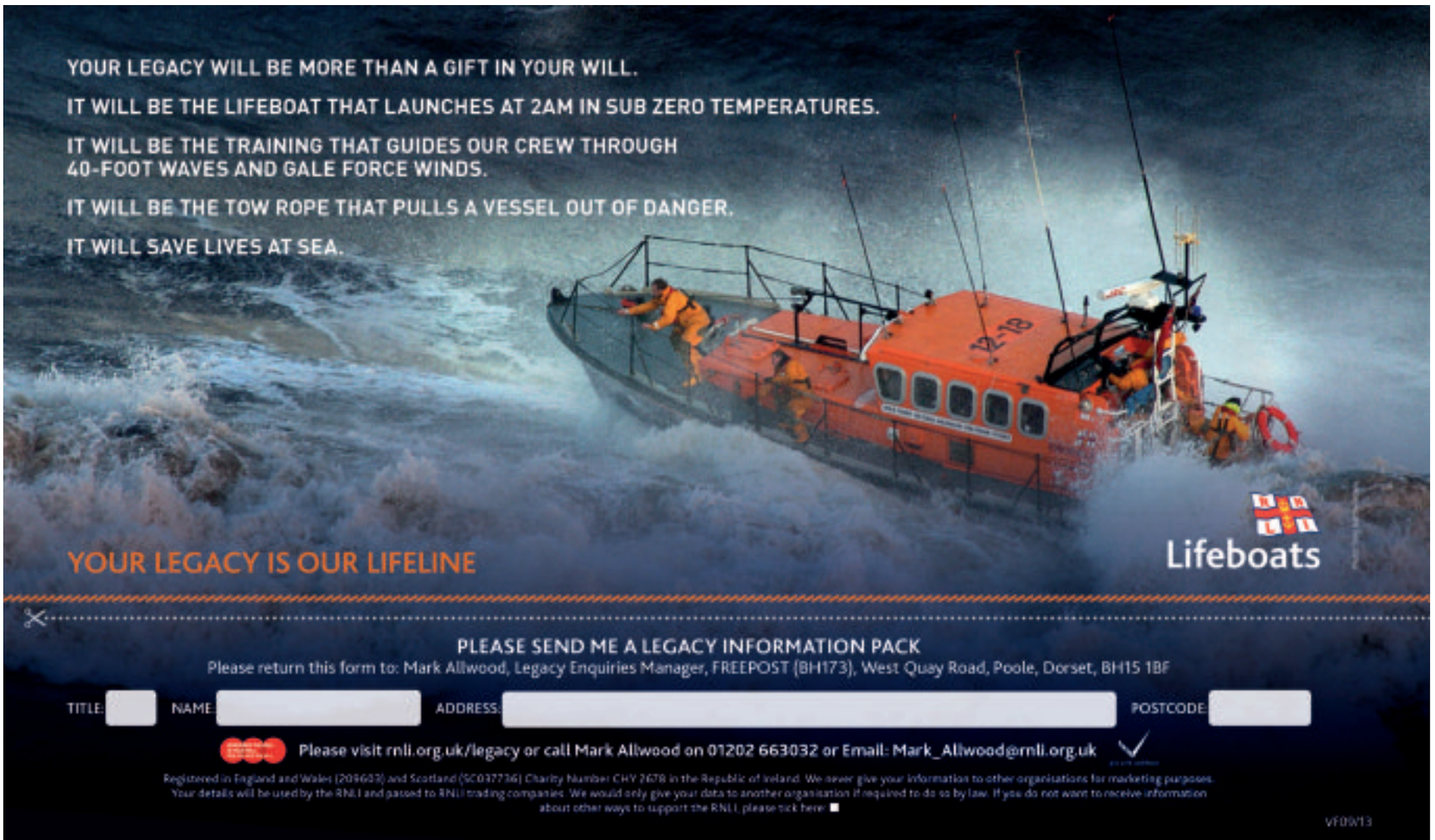

Ham Hill archaeological dig draws to a close

By Marion Draper

A THREE-year major archaeological excavation on Ham Hill is drawing to a close and many artefacts have been discovered, including a near-perfect Bronze Age brooch and a fragment from a glass bangle with twisted decoration, deemed extremely rare for the area, originating from the Mediterranean.

Archaeologists from Cambridge and Cardiff Universities and local independent archaeologist, Alan Graham from Seavington, have spent the last three summers digging exploratory trenches at the local quarry and nature reserve, which is the largest Iron Age hillfort site in the country.

Hillforts are one of the most common and widespread monuments of British prehistory that date to the first millennium BC and lasted until the Roman conquest. It is unusual for a large area within a hill fort to be excavated due to their protection, however, Ham Hill stone is one of the most important building resources in southern England.

Special permission was granted and the Ham Hill Stone Quarry have funded the extensive exploration of the south end of the hillfort, of which a large area has now been excavated along with some smaller, targeted trenches.

Mr Graham has been working on an area which exposed part of the western rampart, near to the monument end of the hill. The four-metre wide trench he was working on last year was extended to 10 metres, was four metres deep and was where the brooch and bangle fragment were found.

Student John Madge had found the brooch which was promptly named the Madge brooch. He also unearthed a good sized Neolithic polished flint hand axe fragment whilst Mr Graham was explaining their work to *The Weekender*.

The local expert, Mr Graham, was pleased with the results of their efforts, which he said had revealed the history of the ramparts, basically a wide wall built of larger stone either sized and in-filled with smaller rubble used as defence against the elements and invaders.

The geology revealed how the wall had been allowed to fall down and become a grassy bank for about 200 years before being rebuilt, when the local people were aware of the threat of the Roman invasion. At the later stage, around the first century AD, an entranceway had been created, a feature that had not existed in the original build. They also had evidence of a hearth and had found charcoal deposits, including blackened grains which could give a clue about diet.

The main focus of the excavation has been on a large rectangular ditched enclosure, next to the main quarry site to the south, one of a number that are scattered across the interior of the hillfort. The excavated enclosure did not appear to have been occupied but was a largely empty and short-lived space, appearing to have been deliberately destroyed, perhaps after only five to ten years.

One theory was that it had been a meeting place for the community to gather to make decisions. Another reason for thinking that this was a special place was the quantity of human remains found by the excavations. Several deliberate burials had been discovered in pits and within the enclosure ditch, not a practice common in the Iron Age. Fragments of human skull and other isolated bones were found, which appeared to have been scattered across the area possibly circulated as tangible representations of ancestors, raising the question, "were these ancestors called upon when important decisions had to be made?".

A roundhouse, discovered by accident during the rampart excavation to the south last year was not revisited this year, as the archaeology there was considered too important and would need specialist funding to be properly investigated. The large enclosure had to be investigated as this will be the next area to be quarried by the stone company and was funded by them.

A small quantity of human remains found in the deposits behind the southern rampart showed evidence of a violent assault. These remains appear to have been defleshed/chopped up and left exposed on the surface of the hill.

Roman military objects have been discovered on the hill and it may well have been garrisoned in the initial period of the Roman occupation of the south west.

More information on the entire project can be found atwww.hamhillfort.info

■ HUMAN REMAINS: Archaeology students unearth a Bronze Age burial on Ham Hill

■ WHAT WAS IT FOR? The large southern enclosure with evidence of round houses and burials. Below, The Bronze Age brooch and glass bangle fragment found in the western trench

■ ANOTHER FIND: Student Jonathan Madge discovers a Neolithic hand axe

■ RAMPART ENTRANCE: Seavington archaeologist Alan Graham in is western trench

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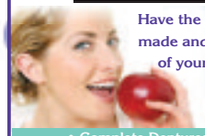

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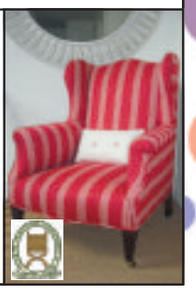

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Marking Battle of Britain anniversary

By Marion Draper

MEMBERS of the Royal Air Forces Association and cadets from 2381 (Ilminster) Squadron Air Training Corps marked the anniversary of the Battle of Britain last week.

A morning service and wreath laying was held at St Mary's Church, Chard, attended by the mayor and councillors to mark the beginning of the anniversary week.

On Sunday 15th, the end of the week was marked by the cadets marching from Frog Lane in Ilminster to the Minster before a 6pm service, followed by a wreath laying.

September 15th 1940 was identified by historians as the day on which the RAF effectively won the Battle of Britain, the biggest air battle of the war, which took place from July 10th until October 31st. Hitler had identified September 15th as the Luftwaffe's last opportunity to gain air superiority in order to make an invasion viable. Intent on not letting his Führer down, Hermann Göring, the Luftwaffe's Commander-in-Chief, ordered two huge raids against the south-east of England, which did not go according to plan.

One Chard resident was able to lay a wreath earlier this year at the grave of a family member involved in the battle, thanks to information from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

When Alan Gunn made a visit to Hornchurch RAF aerodrome, he saw the name PO Harold Gunn on the Battle of Britain roll of honour and discovered he was a relative.

Looking further into the background, he discovered that Harold Gunn had been born in 1913, was grammar school educated and joined the RAF in 1929 as an aircraft apprentice. He passed out as an engine fitter in 1932 and later applied for pilot training, becoming a sergeant pilot, flying hurricanes with 111Squadron.

In April 1940 he was commissioned and in July had joined 74 Squadron at Hornchurch, flying spitfires.

On July 28th, 1940, 12 spitfires of 74 Squadron were scrambled early which gave them time to get above the oncoming attack of 100 German aircraft. During the dog fight Harold shot down his first ME 109. On July 31st, three squadrons were scrambled when an attack by 16 ME 109s heading for Dover was reported, but due to poor weather six spitfires of B flight 74 Squadron were the only ones to find them.

Despite being at a height disadvantage of some 2,000 feet, they immediately attacked. In the ensuing dog fight the flight commander's aircraft was so badly damaged that he crash-landed at Manston and two other aircraft were lost and the pilots killed. One of these was Harold Gunn.

His body was retrieved from the sea by a German E-boat and buried in Belgium.

When Alan Gunn contacted the war Graves Commission he discovered that Harold had been reburied after the war at Oostenede New Communial cemetery in Belgium. He and his wife visited the cemetery whilst on holiday, laying a 74 Squadron wreath on the grave to honour the sacrifice of his family member 73 years ago, 100 years after his birth.

Chairman of the Chard and Ilminster branch of the RAF Association, Brian Rideout, said :"I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Gunn for honouring and remembering a member of 'our family' as we of the RAF Association honour and remember the members of 'our family' during the Battle of Britain church services in Chard and Ilminster in September ."

■ BATTLE OF BRITAIN: Cadets from 2381 (Ilminster) Squadron, ATC marching to the Minster. Above, Chard town councillors and Mayor Jenny Kenton with members of the RAF Association and cadets from 2381 (Ilminster) Squadron, ATC

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Lester's role as Othello has all the dignified vulnerability one could wish for, Kinnear's Lago burns with contempt for the human race and for the beauty in other people's lives.

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Come and experience this great production for yourselves at the Gateway, Seaton Town Hall, by satellite from the National Theatre, London.

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Paddy Ashdown will give the talk in the Seavington Millennium Hall on Thursday, September 26th. His Talk will begin at 7pm with doors opening at 6.40pm. There will be a licensed bar. Coffee/tea will also be available. It would be advisable to order your tickets well beforehand. The cost of a ticket will be £6. These can be obtained from Alastair Fyfe (Tel: 01460-241977).

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Quality local produce at Farmers Market

CREWKERNE Farmers Market is this coming Saturday, September 21st in Falkland Square, in the centre of town, from 9am to 1pm with producers offering a range of quality, locally raised or produced food and drink.

Saturday is also the start of British Food Fortnight September 21st - October 6th inviting everyone to celebrate the harvest through the many activities that take place across the country during this national food promotion. BFF is inviting everyone to celebrate the harvest and get behind British food in 2013 by taking part in one of their Harvest initiatives – there really is something for everyone! See www.lovebritishfood.co.uk for details then get off to a great start by coming to the Crewkerne Farmers Market!

Of course regular Farmers Market customers know that our producers are the best! But Congratulations go to two of our producers who have received awards this summer for their products;

Leakers Bakery won Gold Stars of approval in this years Great Taste Awards with a gluten-free St Clements chocolate cake and a Lemon Marmalade. The Awards are the world's largest and most rigorous food awards scheme, involving over 400 judges and thousands of hours of blind tasting.

Leakers, the Bridport based family-run bakery, has been in business since 1914 and is known for creating a delicious range of products using locally sourced ingredients, as well as catering for people with special dietary needs. Owner Caroline Parkins said; "The marmalade is an old recipe of my Scottish Grandmother - we're a family business and believe in keeping food traditions alive. Winning two Great Taste gold stars is a wonderful result for us and this cake and marmalade have already proved popular with our customers."

A recent newcomer to our market Olives 'n Stuff won the best start-up business in the Taste of Somerset Awards. They have a great selection of olives and dips.

Thaimango is starting with us this month bringing the authentic taste of sunny Thailand to Crewkerne shoppers via Langport! Professional chef Orawanya will be preparing food for shoppers to eat 'on the hoof' and there will be delicious Thai meals to take away and enjoy at home, including hot & spicy, mild and vegetarian.

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk or pick up a leaflet when you visit Crewkerne on Saturday.

Exhibitions, music, comedy and more at Lyme's ArtsFest

THIS year's Lyme Regis ArtsFest, from September 21st to 29th, centres on two group art exhibitions that are open daily from 10am-5pm.

In the Baptist Church Hall, 30 talented local artists will be exhibiting their latest work, and chatting to visitors at Meet the Artist sessions.

At the Malthouse and Town Mill Galleries, the resulting artwork from ArtsFest's year-long collaboration with the Lyme Regis Museum will be displayed. For this ArtsFest-Museum initiative, called re:collection, 37 artists responded in a variety of ways—from beadwork to 3D installations—to the challenge of creating new works of art inspired by objects, images or stories in the Museum. The projects of 13 of these artists were supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Two of the most ambitious will be on the Lyme seafront (Sarah Thomas's replica Bathing Machine and Deck Chairs installations) and in Uplyme (Gail Sagman's multi-disciplined The Great and the Small exhibition at her Jam Factory studio).

Maddy Prior

Lucy Porter

Moreover, the town will host an Art Trail showcasing artwork in over 100 shops and businesses, while at the Jubilee Pavilion and elsewhere around town, daily workshops and special events will be running throughout the 9-day festival. The workshops offer a host of new skills to learn, from monoprinting or bead-weaving to stonebalancing or decopatching.

A special focus on all things literary provides sessions on how to get published or write life stories and no less than four chances to meet authors, including Paula Byrne, the acclaimed biographer of Jane Austen, and Sarah Singleton whose novel Dark Storm was set in 'Lyme on Sea'.

The B Sharp Busking Festival over the first weekend is a well-established jamboree for those who love and/or play music, and Lyme's Marine Theatre joins in the fun with events that bring singer Maddy Prior and comedian Lucy Porter to Lyme. The proverbial 'something for everyone' has never been truer. Full schedule and details about Lyme Regis ArtsFest can be found on its website: www.lymeregisartsfest.com.

Fleetwood Bac

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Go Your Own Way to see top tribute to the rock legends

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This is the closet thing you will get to the wonderful 'Mac mystical stage craft and fabulous sound, other than seeing the real Fleetwood Mac themselves.

Endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself, this will be a stunning night for classic rock and Fleetwood Mac fans alike.

See Fleetwood Bac perform live at the Gateway (Seaton town hall) on Saturday, September 28th. Tickets cost £12 in advance, or £15 on the door, available from The Gateway box office 01297 625699 or Animal Botanical Fore Street, Seaton.

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Diary Dates

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm-4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits. All welcome. For more details call 01308 862866.
CHARD: "The Anaphylaxis Campaign" is holding a support group meeting The Guildhall Chard from 10am to 12 noon. Contact Fiona 01252 546100 Fiona@anaphylaxis.org.uk
ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust, Ilminster/Chard group. Illustrated presentation on British Mammals by Edward Wells, Chair of the Somerset Mammal group. Everyone welcome. Adults £2. 7.30pm at Parish Hall, North St. Ilminster TA19 0DG
CHAFFCOMBE: 'The Teacups' for young people from Newcastle University singing a mixture of shanties and traditional songs. At the village hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £7 from 01460 65909 or 01460 64553.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST
CHARD: "Chard Concert Brass are holding a FREE Concert at the Guildhall Chard evening starting a 7.30pm EVERYONE welcome.
SOUTH PETHERTON: Peace Vigil at Blake Hall 11am-12noon
SOUTH PERROTT: Jumble sale in South Perrott Village Hall at 2.30pm. Entry 20p. In aid of St Mary's Church, Weldmar Social Group and the Millennium Green. Enquiries to 01935 891224 or 891234.
WHITELACKINGTON: Bric-a-brac/Table Top Sale at the village hall. 10am-1pm. Free admission, ample parking, refreshments available. Tables £5, to book call 01460 259565.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD
MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of local charities.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH
CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 and like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time? Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £6.50 (including a session charge). Transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.
CHARD: "South Somerset Affordable Housing Event" at The Guildhall Chard Exhibitors ranging from Housing Associations and Property Developers to Financial Advisers, Community Land Trust, Architects, Fire Service, Police and South Somerset District Council's Housing , Welfare and Environmental Teams. 3pm to 7pm For further information contact Jo Calvert – Housing Development Officer – SSDC – 01935 462462 or email jo.calvert@southsomerset.gov.uk
MERRIOTT: Merriott Gardening Club: 'History, Development and Planting Combinations at the Palace' - a talk by James Cross of Bishop's Palace Gardens, Wells. Meet at the Tithe Barn, Church Street, at 7.30pm. Refreshments, raffle and plant swaps. All welcome - non-members £2 entry fee. More details 01460-72298
ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group meeting at the Minster Rooms from 7.30pm. Chris Whitehead will give a talk on "War and Peace in South Asia - Will the Killing Continue?", covering the implications of arms expenditure in a region with some of the poorest people in some of the poorest countries in the world. All welcome, £3 requested, including tea/coffee.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH
CREWKERNE: Bingo – cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. At Henhayes Centre.
CHARD: "Meeting Voices Community Choir" The Guildhall Chard from 7.30pm to 9.15pm new members always welcome. (Somerset Term time only)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH
CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit. At Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and cost £3 for non members.
CHARD: Macmillan Coffee morning at the Cricket St Thomas Hotel , in the pavilion theatre. Staff are supporting the charity by putting on a coffee morning from 11am-2pm and would welcome the local community to come along and support it. There will be cakes for sale and a raffle.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm-4pm. £1.50 including tea and biscuits. All welcome. For more details call 01308 862866.
TATWORTH: Film: 'Summer in February' (cert 15) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
CREWKERNE: English Breakfast from 10am-12noon. Basic breakfast £4 with extra options from 50p. 100 Club Draw at 11am.
BARRINGTON: Barrington Market at the village hall from 10am - 12noon. Variety of locally grown, home made and crafted products. Come and see what's on offer or have a coffee and a chat.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH
MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Brownies.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH & TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST
CHARD: "Blood Donors" The Guildhall Chard for more information please ring 0300 123 23 23

MONDAY SEPT 30TH TO SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH
ILMINSTER: Exhibition 'Stitched Up' - an exhibition of quilted textile art by award-winning local artist k3n. Open Monday to Friday 9.30am until 4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am until 2.30pm.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST
CHARD: South Somerset Mind Emotional Outreach Project are holding FREE Wellingbeing Activities today "Pampering session" for more information please contact Tasha Marsh on 01935 474875 or email tasha.marsh@southsomersetmind.co.uk

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND
ILMINSTER: Carnival Quiz at the Shrubbery. Teams of 3 £6 per team. Starts at 7.30pm. Also a raffle.
CHARD: Friends of Springmead Surgery AGM at the Surgery at 7pm. Dr Sarah Pearce will talk about "Diabetes".

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3RD
CREWKERNE: Coffee Morning in aid of Breast Cancer at George Reynolds Centre. For more details call 01460 73972.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH & SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH
CHARD: Axminster Drama Club presents "Calendar Girls" at The Guildhall, Chard. Tickets on sale Chard Tourist Information Centre Adult £10 Concession £8.50

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH
CHARD: "The Popular Fayre" at the Guildhall. From 9am to 12.30pm refreshments available.
HINTON ST GEORGE: Crewkerne Young Farmers Club 50th Annual Ploughing Match at the Hinton Park Estate TA17 8TL, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs E Ruell. For more details call 01460 30661.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH
CHARD: Chard WI meeting at the Baptist Church Rooms, Holyrood Street. Friendly Social evening. October meeting includes a speaker.

MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH
MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Bowls Club.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association AGM at The Speedwell Hall in Abbey Street. 8.pm start with light refreshments afterwards with a glass of wine. Come along and hear the plans for next years visit to France.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12TH
TATWORTH: Keep Looking Up - A Beginners Guide to the Night Sky at Tatworth Memorial Hall, 10am-4pm. Organised by WEA + T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.
HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'Song for Marion' (PG), on Saturday, October 12th in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. (Contact tel. 01460 72906).

MONDAY OCTOBER 14TH
MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Bowls Club.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH
HORTON: 'Serenade' in concert at St Peter's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets at £6 Adults & Children under 14 £3 (to include light refreshments in the interval) are available from Jan Allen on 01460 57702 or Nina at Horton Post Office.
TATWORTH: Digital Photography. At Tatworth Memorial Hall 10am-4pm. Organised by WEA + T&F Active Living. For more details call 01460 220339.
ILMINSTER: 'Pink' Tombola outside Tesco. Fundraising for Breast Cancer Care. All 'Pink' prizes. To donate a tombola prize call 01460 52679 or 07900 217604.

MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST
MISTERTON: Bingo at the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of local charities.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH
CREWKERNE: Jazz and Blues Night with pre-concert supper at Henhayes Community Centre. With music from Julie Dunn and Charlotte Storey. 7-8pm pre-concert supper £6.50 (£5.50 if booked by 18th October), concert 8-10pm £7.50 (or £6.50 if booked by 18th October). To book call the centre office on 01460 74340.
TATWORTH: Film: 'Mud' (cert 12A) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm, film at 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk
Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

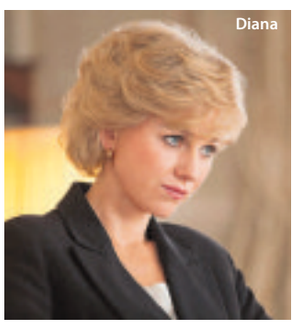
Cinema
This week's new releases

R.I.P.D.

R.I.P.D. 12A
A RECENTLY slain cop joins a team of undead police officers working for the Rest in Peace Department and tries to find the man who murdered him.
Stars Ryan Reynolds, Jeff Bridges and Mary-Louise Parker.

THE CALL 15
WHEN a veteran 911 operator takes a life-altering call from a teenage girl who has just been abducted, she realizes that she must confront a killer from her past in order to save the girl's life.
Stars Halle Berry, Evie Thompson and Abigail Breslin.

DIANA 12A
DURING the last two years of her life, Princess Diana embarks on a final rite of passage: a secret love affair with Pakistani heart surgeon Hasnat Khan.
Stars Naomi Watts, Naveen Andrews and Douglas Hodge.


Diana

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

Every Sunday 10:30am
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Church Service - All welcome

Every Tuesday 9:30am and 11:30am & 7.30pm
SLIMMING WORLD
Lose weight the extra easy way. Come along and find out how

Every Thursday, 9am - 2pm
ANTIQUES FAIR
Books, china, jewellery & much more
Now also available for Food and Craft stallholders
Customer admission free, refreshments and lunches available
For further information contact 01460 239 567

THURSDAYS 8am - 2pm **CAFÉ OPEN**

Every Saturday
LIVING WORD BAPTIST CHURCH
PAODA VIDA – Igreja Evangelica
Service from 7pm until 9pm
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Saturday 21st September
CHARD CONCERT BRASS presents a
FREE CONCERT
Evening starts at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday 24th September
SOUTH SOMERSET AFFORDABLE HOUSING EVENT
Exhibitors ranging from Housing Associations and Property Developers to Financial Advisers, Community Land Trusts, Architects, Fire Service, Police and South Somerset District Council's Housing, Welfare and Benefits and, Environmental Teams. **3pm to 7pm**
For further information contact Jo Calvert – Housing Development Officer – SSDC – 01935 462462 or email – jo.calvert@southsomerset.gov.uk

Wednesday 25th September & 2nd October
"MEETING VOICES COMMUNITY CHOIR"
in the town hall from 7.30pm – 9.15pm
New members always welcome.

Monday 30th September & Tuesday 1st October
BLOOD DONORS
for more information please phone 0300 123 23 23

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th October
CALENDAR GIRLS
Ticket on sale Chard Tourist Information Centre
Adults £10 Concession £8.50

Saturday 5th October 9am - 12.30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
Admission Free, refreshments available

Saturday 5th October
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
Chard Town Council,
The Guildhall, Chard
Tel: 01460 239 567
WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS
Friday, Sept 20th - Thursday, Sept 26th
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

YEOVIL CINEWORLD
Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station Rd
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

Epic U Sat & Sun: 10.00am
The Croods U Sat: 10.00am
Planes U
Fri, Tue: 15.50
Mon, Wed, Thu: 16.50
Sat: 11.00, 13.20, 15.50
Sun: 10.30am
Rush 15
Daily: 12.10, 15.00, 17.50, 20.50
We're The Millers 15
Fri, Tue: 13.10, 18.10, 20.40
Sat & Sun: 18.10, 20.40
Mon, Wed: 20.40
Insidious: Chapter 2 15
Daily: 13.30, 16.10, 18.40, 21.25
White House Down 12A
Daily: 14.30, 17.30, 20.30
About Time 12A
Daily: 14.10, 17.10, 20.10
plus Sat & Sun: 11.10am
Justin & The Knights of Valour PG
Fri, Mon, Wed: 13.40, 16.00, 18.20
Sat & Sun: 11.20, 13.40, 16.00, 18.20
Tue, Thu: 13.40, 16.00
Riddick 15
Fri-Sun: 21.00
Percy Jackson: Sea Of Monsters PG
Sat & Sun: 11.40am
Monsters University U
Sat & Sun: 10.50am
R.I.P.D. 12A
Daily: 14.20, 16.40, 19.00, 21.15
The Smurfs 2 U
Sat & Sun: 11.50am
The Call 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.50, 16.30, 18.50, 21.10
Sat & Sun: 16.30, 18.50, 21.10
Diana 12A
Fri, Sat: 12.30, 15.10, 18.00, 20.45
Sun-Thu: 14.00, 17.00, 19.45
Despicable Me 2 U
Sat & Sun: 11.30, 13.50
One Direction: Extended Fan Cut PG
Fri-Wed: 12.20, 14.50, 17.20
Thu: 13.30, 16.10
Elysium 15
Fri-Sun, Tue, Wed: 20.00

TAUNTON ODEON
Heron Gate, Riverside
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

About Time 12A
Fri-Tue: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.50
Wed: 10.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.50
Thu: 12.30, 15.15
Despicable Me 2 (2D) U
Sat, Sun & Wed: 11.40am
Diana 12A
Daily: 12.00, 14.40, 17.20, 20.00
Epic U
Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Insidious: Chapter 2 15
Daily: 12.50, 15.20, 17.50, 20.20
Justin & The Knights of Valour PG
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 15.50
Sat, Sun & Wed: 11.10, 15.50
Justin & The Knights of Valour 3D PG
Daily: 13.30
One Direction: This Is Us Extended Fan Cut PG
Sat, Sun & Wed: 10.40am
Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters PG
Sat & Sun: 10.10am
Planes U
Fri, Mon, Tue, Thu: 13.45
Sat, Sun & Wed: 11.30, 13.45
R.I.P.D. 12A
Daily: 18.20
R.I.P.D. 3D 12A
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Tue: 20.45
White House Down 12A
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Sat, Sun & Wed: 11.50, 14.50, 17.40, 20.30
Thu: 14.50

Kiki Dee, Andy Fairweather Low, Martin Barre and The Albion Band all set for Budleigh!

An exciting and varied programme of musical events at Budleigh's Public Hall this autumn offers something for all tastes

WITH one of the loveliest voices in popular music, Kiki Dee, accompanied by guitar virtuoso Carmelo Luggeri, performs an eclectic selection of favourite covers, recent album tracks plus the familiar hits such as Amoureuse, I've got the music in me, Star and Don't go breakin' my heart, on Saturday, October 5th in Budleigh Salterton..

On Sunday, October 27th founder member of Cardiff-based Amen Corner, Andy Fairweather Low and his band the Low Riders, perform hits from the band's back catalogue such as Bend Me, Shape Me, High in the Sky, and (If Paradise is) half as nice, songs from his A&M period such as Reggae Tune, La Booga Rooga and the pop classic, Wide-eyed and legless, the big Christmas hit of 1975, plus some favourite blues, gospel, rock and country classics. A busy musician, Andy plays with Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings, performing with them at this year's Glastonbury Festival. He also tours regularly with Eric Clapton.

Andy Fairweather Low

Recently he has been recording background guitar/vocals for compatriot Tom Jones, toured France with Procul Harum keyboard-man Gary Brooker and tours Japan in September.

On Sunday, November 10th guitar legend Martin Barre brings his 6-piece band to the venue.

Lead guitar with Jethro Tull for 44 years, Martin's distinctive playing has been a major factor in their long and successful career, which has produced album sales exceeding 60 million units worldwide.

Martin's playing on Aqualung earned him many plaudits while his work on the album Crest of a Knave earned him a Grammy in 1988.

Martin has worked with many artists including Paul McCartney, Phil Collins, Gary Moore, Jo Bonamassa and Mark Knopfler, but with Tull currently on sabbatical, Martin's band plays a mix of his favourite blues and rock standards, seasoned with classic tracks from the Tull catalogue - some not performed for many years.

Lastly, on Sunday, December 15th, The Albion Christmas Band, comprising Fairport Convention originals Ashley Hutchings (bass/vocals) and Simon Nicol (guitar/vocals) teamed with the lovely Kellie While (guitar/vocals) and Simon Care (melodeon/vocals/egg-dance) bring their seasonal show of songs, tunes, readings and yuletide merriment.

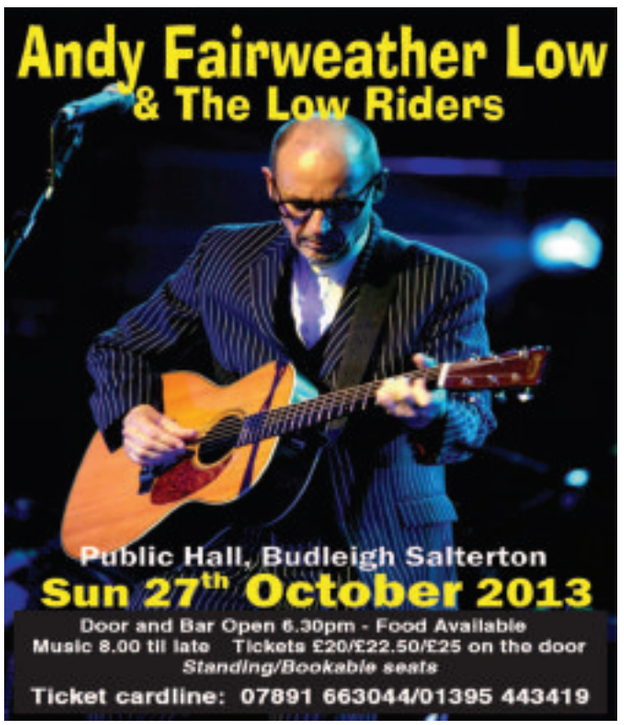
A Bar and food is available at all the above gigs.

For tickets to any of the shows call 07891 663044 or 01395 443419 (cards accepted).

For more details visit www.east-devonhub.co.uk for details.

Martin Barre

Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri

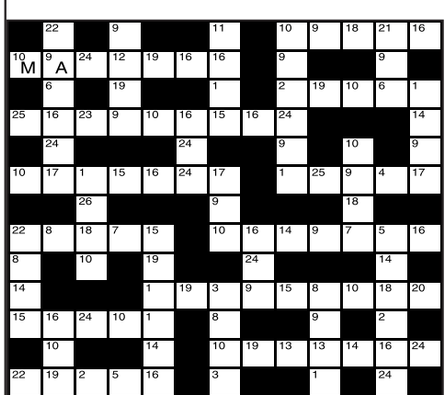


Brain Gym

No.239

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
E	K	M	G	F	A	O	I	T	R	Z	L	C
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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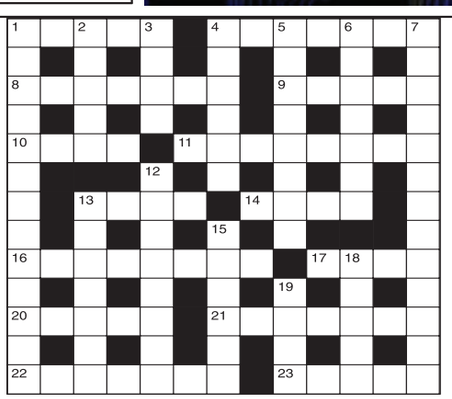
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. We go round in a hundred and don't enjoy it, apparently (5)
4. It clears the vision, but deceives the judgement (7)
8. A reason why the vessel was fast? (7)
9. Anaesthetic obtained from scarlet herbs (5)
10. Got the weapon out but didn't win (4)
11. He often stops while working (8)
13. A strange kind of plant (4)
14. Send a ball up just under the roof (4)
16. Got out of bed? (8)
17. He follows the account painfully (4)
20. The very lowest drain, perhaps (5)
21. They make very fine traps (7)
22. Tributes to the dead from the wars (7)
23. Piece of meat entirely disposed of (5)

Down

1. Question put by examiners? Fancy that! (4,2,3,4)
2. Patient caretaker (5)
3. Where needles are kept, just in case (4)
4. Last, though almost sure to finish first (6)
5. Its users have no need to take flight to reveal confusion (8)
6. Faithless type (7)
7. England's hero - the noon sailor perhaps (7,6)
12. He's in favour of dictation, naturally (8)
13. Contract that makes a ferryman redundant? (7)
15. It checks the growth of population (6)
18. Box that may expand (5)
19. Workers make a bee-line for it! (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. White heron (5)
4. Under (7)
8. Feast (7)
9. Drive back (5)
10. Dregs (4)
11. Delight (8)
13. Stagger (4)
14. Solitary (4)
16. Usual (8)
17. Tender (4)
20. Break out (5)
21. Small crown (7)
22. Tiny tot (7)
23. Mistake (5)

Down

1. Ornament (13)
2. Scope (5)
3. Excursion (4)
4. Combat (6)
5. Story-teller (8)
6. Glass vial (7)
7. In confused haste (6-7)
12. Abstaining from liquor (8)
13. Bounce (7)
15. Cavalryman (6)
18. Possessor (5)
19. Impel (4)

Sudoku

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	6			5			3	
				3	1			4
5		1			6			
	4	8				5	6	9
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	9	6	5	4	2	8	3	1
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1	4	8	3	6	9	2	7	5
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8	6	1	4	3	5	7	9	2
6	7	5	1	2	8	3	4	9
2	8	3	6	9	4	5	1	7
4	1	9	7	5	3	6	2	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Imprudent; 8 Plum; 9 Hard lines; 10 Racoon; 11 Cells; 14 Tibet; 15 Spar; 16 Spots; 18 Film; 20 Takes; 21 Bison; 24 Warsaw; 25 Refuse tip; 26 Lair; 27 Aegean Sea. Down: 1 Aperitifs; 2 Dutch bulb; 4 Mean; 5 Ridge; 6 Drills; 7 Noes; 9 Hosts; 11 Clown; 12 Spokesman; 13 Crossword; 17 Strap; 19 Minute; 22 Ocean; 23 Cede; 24 Wipe. QUICK - Across: 3 Apprehend; 8 Name; 9 Dramatist; 10 Outset; 11 Steer; 14 Ratio; 15 Dawn; 16 Nexus; 18 Poor; 20 Heave; 21 Needy; 24 Remiss; 25 Desertion; 26 Turn; 27 Prostrate. Down: 1 Incorrupt; 2 Imitation; 4 Part; 5 Remit; 6 Hatred; 7 Nose; 9 Demon; 11 Sixty; 12 Rapacious; 13 Incessant; 17 Sheen; 19 Recess; 22 Deter; 23 Tear; 24 Rout.

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or amy@tindlenews.co.uk

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Experience of all aspects of butchery necessary. Computer skills prefered

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Every Wednesday 12.30-2.30
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Chard, Somerset
Meets National Minimum Wage
Full Time
Experienced qualified car mechanic with full driving license. You will be of smart appearance as you will be in contact with customers. MOT and HGV license would be an advantage. Duties to include servicing and mots of cars and light commercial vehicles. We have excellent working conditions. You can view our website at . Overtime is available. Full company uniform is provided.
To apply contact Patrick at Slades Garage on 01460 65978

Commis/Junior Chef
Marock, Somerset
£8.50-£10.00 per hour - Full Time
Small country house hotel looking for a second chef to assist the head chef with food preparation and service. Depending on experience, training can be given. Lunch and dinner service, all food prepared from fresh ingredients with traditional techniques. Ideal for a commis wishing to move up the ladder.
To apply email your CV and covering letter to reception@ashhousehotel.co.uk

Trainee Dental Nurse
Crewkerne, Somerset
Meets National Minimum Wage - Full Time
Experience not required as full training will be provided. This vacancy is primarily based at the Crewkerne practice but the ideal candidate would live in the Yeovil/Crewkerne area as applicants must have access to transport as the employer would like his new recruit to be able to work at his Ilminster branch at times, depending on their requirements. Employer states you will be joining a small, friendly practice within a successful expanding group. Successful candidates will be enrolled on an evening course to achieve a qualification which will allow them to be registered with the GDC. Successful applicants are required to provide an enhanced disclosure. Disclosure expense will be met by the employer. Urgent Immediate start.
To apply send your CV and covering letter to neilnoronha@hotmail.com

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By Mark Savill

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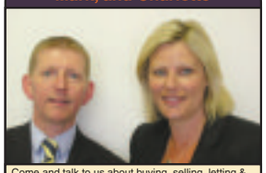

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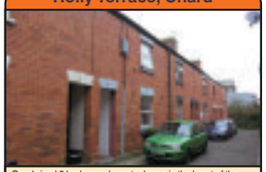

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Clio Renaultsport 200 Cup triumphs at What Car? Used Car of the Year Awards

THE Clio Renaultsport 200 Cup was today named best Fun Car in the What Car? Used Car of the Year awards.

The UK's biggest car buyer's guide described the power-packed Renault as one of the best ever in its class and said the French marque has set the benchmark for rapid small hatchbacks ever since the Clio 16v and Clio Williams.

And the former Renaultsport 200 Cup is clearly a favourite with What Car? readers, after being named its Best Hot Hatch for three years on the spin.

What Car? editor-in-chief Chas Hallett said: "We awarded the Renault Clio Renaultsport 200 Cup its used fun car award as it is simply one of the best hot hatchbacks ever made and what's more, it's a total bargain with prices averaging £7,250."

The awards celebrate and honour the nation's best used car buys, with motorists invited to vote for Britain's most trusted used car makers online.

Used cars are hugely important to What Car? readers, and public opinion as well as its "sheer driver engagement" swayed the judges in favour of the Renaultsport, which has a maximum speed of 141mph and goes from 0-60mph in 6.9 seconds.

The guide said the previous version of the range-topping Clio has "a high-revving naturally aspirated 2.0-litre petrol engine" and "lightning quick" six-speed manual gearbox, describing the overall ride as "a hoot" in awarding its under £10,000 fun car category trophy.

Fuel economy, with an impressive return of 34.4 mpg, low repair costs and its five- star NCAP rating were also singled out for praise.

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Fiat 500L MPW on sale in the UK

FOLLOWING the successful launch of the FIAT 500L in March and the 500L Trekking in June, the newest member of the 500L range now goes on sale in the UK: The new FIAT 500L MPW.

The 500L MPW is the perfect expression of FIAT's know-how in making space-efficient cars with a twist - combining the charm and agility of the FIAT 500 with the comfort and contents of a C-segment car and the space and the versatility of a people carrier.

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The new Fiat 500L MPW will be offered in two trim levels: Pop Star and Lounge. Equipment highlights on the Pop Star version include air conditioning, cruise control, 16-inch alloy wheels, a 5-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Uconnect, six airbags, a full suite of stability and traction control safety systems as well as rear parking sensors.

The Lounge version builds on the Pop Star's high specification level by adding rear electric windows, front fog lights, dual-zone automatic climate control, automatic headlamps, rain sensors, front seats with seat back tables and storage nets, an electro-chromatic rear view mirror, rear privacy glass, floor mats and an electric glass sunroof.

The new FIAT 500L MPW engine range consists of four power plants: The 95hp 1.4-litre petrol (5-seat only); the 105hp 0.9 TwinAir petrol; the 85hp 1.3 MultiJet (also available with the Dualogic automatic transmission) and the 105hp 1.6-litre MultiJet. A total of nine different exterior colour choices are available, plus a variety of contrasting roof and mirror colour combinations, as well as a range of alloy wheels in different sizes, styles and colours.

▲ Fiat 500L MPW

Ford S-Max is named best used MPV by What Car?

FORD'S stylish S-MAX multi-activity vehicle has been recognised at this year's What Car? Used Car Awards, with accolades also presented to the Focus and Focus Estate.

It is the third time – and the second year running – that the S-MAX has claimed the What Car? Used MPV of the Year title.

Chas Hallett, What Car? editor in chief, said: "The Ford S-MAX is a great people mover and has seats for seven. It's also the MPV choice for people who are not great fans of MPVs. It offers flexibility, space and practicality, but drives and handles just like a regular passenger car, as well as being economical to own and run."

The Ford Focus 1.6 Zetec Climate and Focus 1.6 Zetec Climate Estate models were price-point winners in the less than £6000 category, What Car? describing both as "genuinely good fun to drive" and the best value for money on the market.

Ford has won at least one category every year for the last six in the What Car? Used Car of the Year awards, with Focus voted top family car in 2007, 2008 and 2009, Fiesta the winning supermini in 2011 and S-MAX a three-time class winner.

Mark Ovenden, Ford Britain managing director, said: "We consider it a great honour that award-winning models from the Ford range can go on to claim top honours a few years down the line as used cars. It's a testament to their value for money, engineering and market appeal."

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During the weekend of Friday 13th to Monday 16th September, Vauxhall dealers will be offering customers who purchase a brand new Vauxhall car or van the chance to drive away with a £500 cash gift* and benefit from a 20 per cent discount on Genuine Vauxhall Accessories.

"We're delighted to be celebrating our 110th Birthday this year and our retailers are hosting this event to mark this special occasion," said Duncan Aldred, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director. "Customers who purchase a new model can enjoy a £500 cash gift while joining us in commemorating our impressive heritage."

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JACK HIGH overview of the local bowls scene

Merriott end 14-year wait for league title

SOUTH PETHERTON BC *with Tony Peterson*
LAST South Petherton travelled to **Paulton** for the away leg of the Hingley-Jones cup,

South Petherton were taking a 36 shot lead from the home game, this was a closer game for Paulton but despite winning two of the four rinks they lost the game by 12 shots, the overall score 79-67, South Petherton retained the cup overall by 48 shots,

B Dickie, B Eckland, D Russell & R Corbey lost 13-25, H Peterson, S Dickie, D Hingley & P Hutchings won 24-11, A Eckland, D Farr, D Lester & D Gaylard lost 10–22, J Raikes, S Lester, G Meecham & L Symes won 32-9.

SEVERALLS JUBILEE BC *with Pru Robbins*
ON Tuesday, September 10th we played our final game in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League against **Crewkerne** at home.

On a lovely afternoon we ran out comfortable winners winning on all rinks and by 91-69 gaining all 16 points available making us third in the league for 2013. Rink Scores: C.Phinn, J.Strawbridge, T.Robins and R.Devney 23 D.Lush 20. M.Robins, J.Mitchell, B.McCallum and D.Rees 22 M.Harwood 20. N.Patel, N.Austin, H.Leamon and K.Leamon 19 J.Smith 12. P.Robbins, G.Chant, M.Rawe and R.Radford 27 P.Stringer 17.

Last Saturday we hosted the **Wessex Mixed League Cup Final** between Gillingham and Sherborne which, after a very exciting game, was won by Gillingham.

The Severalls Ladies prepared a hot meal for 40 after the game which was appreciated as the afternoon was rather chilly.

Sunday was our end of season fun afternoon but the scheduled game of 'Australian' bowls was curtailed because of the awful weather so members headed to the pavilion for refreshments.

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*
ILMINSTER held its **Outdoor Finals** on Saturday proving the quality of the green which had been under water on Friday evening after the torrential rain.

■ **LET BATTLE COMMENCE:** Dave Hingley centre) and the the Paulton and South Petherton Captains with the Hingley-Jones Cup*Photo by BOB DICKIE*

There were some very close matches and some very good bowls played in front of enthusiastic members.

The winners were; Mens 4 wood Singles - Winner Will Anderson, Runner-Up John Ridout; Ladies 4 wood Singles - Winner Lyn Williams, Runner-Up Dot Whelan; Men 2 Wood Singles - Winner Louis Ridout, Runner Up Dave Crouch; Mixed singles - Winner Dot Whelan, Runner Up Steve Webster; Over 60s singles - Winner Andy Williams, Runner Up John Osborne; Ladies 2 wood singles - Winner Lyn Williams, Runner Up Shannon Crouch; Mixed Pairs - Winners Heather Grinter & Will Anderson, Runners up Shannon & Dave Crouch; Ladies Pairs Winners - Shannon Crouch & Lyn Williams, Runners up Helen Collins & Monica Woodland; Mens 2 wood - Winners Sam Webster & Ian Lightfoot, Runners up Dave Collins & John Osborne; Handicap - Winner Dave Crouch, Runner up Roger Brown; Non-Winners - Winner Cliff Whelan, Runner up Dave Collins; Over 60s Pairs - Winners Ian Dunford & Dave Crouch, Runners up Wallace Kerr & Andy Williams; 4 Wood Pairs -Winner Dave Collins & Ian Lightfoot, Runners up Roy Orme & Dave Crouch.

◆ ILMINSTER'S Louis Ridout represented England in the Junior Mens British Isles International Series at Llandrindod Wells BC Wales.

England enjoyed a clean sweep having won on Saturday against Scotland and Ireland and claimed the title after an 11-shot win against the defending champions Wales on Sunday.

Louis rink won all three matches he played in. Next weekend Louis will be attending an England Senior Trial.

■ **CHAMPIONS:** Merriott Bowls Club players before their last league match.

MERRIOTT *with Jean Crisp*
MERRIOTT played its last match of the season last Wednesday - a home league match against **Westlands**.

The rain threatened but held off for the match with the result going Merriott's way after a closely fought match. The rinks were shared 2-2 but Merriott won 88 shots to 81.

This match confirmed Merriott's success in winning the Wessex Mixed Friendly League for the first time since 1999.

Rink scores; J.Parsons, P.Stow, J.Crisp & E.Rush 27 C.Nicholls 17. C.Parsons, C.Truscott, B.Whitfield & D.Crisp 21 T.Duffel 24. A.Truscott, N.Whitfield, C.Peters & J.Ashby 18 S.Graham 16. D.Baker, B.Dibble, I.Kendall & A.Peters 22 G.Windeatt 24.

The Club's **Finals days** were held on Friday and Saturday, mostly avoiding the rain. The results were as follows; Men's Singles 4 wood – Winner E.Rush, Runner-up P.White, Men's Singles 2 wood – Winner C.Woods, Runner-up J.Parsons, Ladies Singles 4 wood – Winner C.Parsons, Runner-up A.Truscott, Ladies Singles 2 wood – Winner C.Parsons, Runner-up A.Truscott, Handicap 4 wood - Winner C.Parsons, Runner-up P.White, Les Adams Trophy - Winner B.Rosewell, Runner-up P.White, Veterans Cup 4 wood -Winner J.Parsons, Runner-up T.Jones, 2 wood pairs -Winners B.Whitfield & E.Rush, Runners-up B.Rosewell & D.Baker, 4 wood pairs - Winners A.Peters & A.Truscott, Runners-up B.Rosewell & A.Davies, Partners Shield -Winners C. & J.Parsons, Runners-up B. & N.Whitfield.

CHARDSTOCK BC *with Gordon Bodily*
Sunday, September 8th - 12 members went to **Cullompton BC** to play a mixed friendly scores: B Vickers, B Howard, Monica Sturley & Sheila Jeffery 18 C Lane 14. Ann Sebright, Eileen Rolph, A Day & K Wakelin 37 B Beaton 10. M Rogers, Veena Cole, D Eldridge & J Rolph 17 H Vinnecombe 16. Final score Cullompton 40 Chardstock 72.

Tuesday, September 10th -16 members traveled to **South Petherton BC** to play a mixed friendly, scores: B Howard, P Compton, Sue Dando & J Marks 24 R Corbet 22. Ann Dredge, B Andrews, J Rolph & J Tucker 29 E Becky 6. Ann Sebright, T Dredge, Sheila Jeffery & M Toms 24 D Gaylard 19. Cynthia Bradford, B Vickers, Barbara Sluman & D Eldrige 17 L Symes 19, final score South Petherton 66 Chardstock 94.

Friday, September 13th - 16 members went to **Axminster BC** to play our last mixed friendly of the outdoor Season, scores: A Callagan, P Compton, B Howard & K Wakelin 18 Ann Clayton 9. B Vickers, Ann Sebright, T Dredge & N Denslow 3 K Quick 18. Ann Dredge, A Day, J Marks & Barbara Sluman 23 B Clark 10. T Bird, M Rogers, D Eldridge & M Toms 17 T Cable 20, final score Axminster 57 Chardstock 61.

■ **FINALISTS:** Ladies Pairs Winners at Ilminster BC Shannon Crouch and Lyn Williams with Runners up Helen Collins and Monica Woodland.

cycling chard wheelers

GEORGE Fowler has recently started road racing for McKinlays 1st Chard Wheelers.

The talented youngster has made an immediate impact and took a great third place in the Bath CC 'Roman Road' race.

A very solid ride and a fast sprint carried him onto the podium. After strong, consistent rides in his first two races means that he is promoted to third category rider.

Fowler also rode to third place in the 'Wheelers' club time trial championships which was held at Merryfield.

Top time trial rider, Dave Moffett, topped the overall club TT with Jacob Board second. Paul Barratt took fourth and Nigel Ware fifth.

Wiebke Rietz topped the Ladies TT with Martha Beacham second and Caroline Lance just behind. The men's B championship saw Gavin Richards win from Andy Fowler and Paul Retter. Dave Lyon won the Veterans just ahead of Gary Larsen and John Trout beat Alan Brailey in the Super Vets class. Board took the Youth 'A' category from Oli Cooper, while Joe West won the 'B' event from Chris Burrows.

A highly competitive youth C class was eventually won by Rowan Ellis with Evan Richards and Max Hinds following. Amy Lance was top C girl.

George Bond took the D group from Max Taylor and Joe Smith. Magnus Larsen wrapped up the boys E class and Freya Ellis did likewise in the girls.

Last weekend saw the South-West regional under 16 team travel to Sheffield for the Inter-regional road race championships.

Rob Hogg and Jacob Board from the 'Wheelers' formed half the team which achieved some great successes.

Racing against 50 of the top youth riders in the country, they raced to some fantastic results. In the team time trial the South- west lads were well on schedule to win but a crash resulted in a still very credible sixth place.

The Individual TT saw Board win the event and Hogg finish fourth place.

Sunday's event was a 40 mile open road race around the peak district. Severe hills and wet and windy conditions made riding very tough but Hogg managed to secure 11th place.

The Girls SW team, including Ruby Bond of the 'Wheelers' punched well above their weight with most riders finishing in the top half.

The South-West secured overall fifth place out of 13 regions from around the UK.

Good turnout at fourth swimming club gala

CHARD Swimming Club held their fourth Club Gala of the year at Flamingo Pool in Axminster last week, ***writes Hannah Pullinger.***

Over 70 swimmers, ranging from seven to 17 years, took part.

Some excellent swims at the Gala secured Silver Speed Badges for Somer Horsfield, Moli Riley, Sarah Underwood and Joss Copeman all swimming 50m freestyle under 36 seconds for the first time.

There were also many Somerset County qualifying times achieved at the Gala. (Regional and National qualifying times cannot officially be achieved at this level of competition).

The Swimmer of the Month trophies for July were awarded to Jamie Pullinger (14) and jointly to Leonie Housham and Eden McDonald (both 10) on achieving the most progress points in Galas during July.

Gala Results:
8 & Under Events
Boys 25m Freestyle: 1st Sebastian Madge, Girls 25m Backstroke: 1st Esme Huntley, 2nd Grace Lambert, 3rd Catherine Webb, Girls 25m Breaststroke:: 1st Esme Huntley, 2nd Grace Lambert, 3rd Catherine Webb.
Girls 50 Freestyle
Open: 1st Melissa Hanson, 2nd Tessa Down, 3rd Mollie Simpson
13/14 Years: 1st Hope Horsfield, 2nd Susan Ross, 3rd Florence Swan, 12 Years: 1st Jess Fowler, 2nd Jasmine Voisey, 3rd Millie Shrubb, 11 Years: 1st Baylei Callow 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Xanthe Dyer , 10 Years: 1st Eden McDonald, 2nd Harriet Copeman, 3rd Phoebe Clark , 9 Years: 1st Abi Greenslade, 2nd Millie Downes, 3rd Mia Huntley.
Boys 50 Freestyle
Open: 1st Luke van den Barselaar, 2nd Joe Spurway, 3rd Oliver Bilbie, 13/14 Years: 1st Iain Ross, 2nd Lewis Pearson, 3rd Ben Greenslade, 12 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Leo Kindred, 3rd Oliver Rodger, 11 Years: 1st, Joss Copeman, 2nd Oliver Bright, 3rd Michael Moulding, 10 Years: 1st Louis Rood, 2nd Jamie Porter, 3rd Ben Webb, 9 Years: 1st Jimmy Brett, 2nd Cole Dickinson, 3rd Joe Shrubb.
Girls 200 Butterfly
Open: 1st Melissa Hanson, 2nd Lauren Harrison , 13/14 Years: 1st Florence Swan, 2nd Susan Ross , 12 Years: 1st Nancy Doble, 11 Years: 1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Holly Dickinson, 10 Years: 1st Eden McDonald.
Boys 200 Backstroke
Open: 1st Ben Fowler, 2nd Oliver Bilbie, 3rd Jamie Pullinger, 13/14 Years: 1st Lewis Pearson, 2nd Iain Ross, 3rd Ben Greenslade, 12 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Simon Davis, 3rd Leo Kindred , 11 Years: 1st Joss Copeman, 2nd Michael Moulding, 3rd Oliver Bright, 10 Years: 1st Louis Rood, 2nd Jamie Porter, 3rd Ben Webb, 9 Years: 1st Jimmy Brett, 2nd Cole Dickinson.
Girls 100 Breaststroke
Open: 1st Tessa Down, 2nd Melissa Hanson, 3rd Lauren Harrison, 13/14 Years: 1st Hope Horsfield, 2nd Florence Swan, 3rd Grace Haskins, 12 Years: 1st Jess Fowler, 2nd Nancy Doble, 3rd Jasmine Voisey, 11 Years: 1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Daisy Brett, 10 Years: 1st Phoebe Clark, 2nd Harriet Copeman, 3rd Eden McDonald, 9 Years: 1st Millie Downes, 2nd Abi Greenslade, 3rd Mia Hunley.
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Girls 100 Individual Medley
Open: 1st Tessa Down, 2nd Melissa Hanson, 3rd Lauren Harrison, 13/14 Years: 1st Hope Horsfield, 2nd Florence Swan, 3rd Susan Ross, 12 Years: 1st Jess Fowler, 2nd Jasmine Voisey, 3rd Nancy Doble, 11 Years: 1st Xanthe Dyer, 2nd Baylei Callow, 3rd Megan Herbert , 10 Years: 1st Eden McDonald, 2nd Harriet Copeman, 3rd Phoebe Clark , 9 Years: 1st Abi Greenslade, 2nd Millie Downes, 3rd Mia Huntley.
Girls Novice
25m 1st Grace Lambert, 2nd Mia Huntley, 3rd Caitlin Sloman. 50m 1st Somer Horsfield, 2nd Moli Riley, 3rd Sarah Underwood.
Boys Novice
25m 1st Cole Dickinson, 2nd Joe Shrubb, 3rd Ferdy Parry-Leyshon. 50m 1st Joss Copeman, 2nd Louis Rood, 3rd Simon Davis.
Anyone interested in joining Chard & District Swimming Club please contact the web-site www.chardswimming.org.uk

■ **SWIMMER OF THE MONTH:** Jamie Pullinger

On the fronter skittles news

ILMINSTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Week 2 (Sept 12th)

A MINUTE'S silence was held prior to all this week's games in memeory of Crown Royals' player Phillip Grabham who died last week.

Division One

Crown Crusaders 461-12 (S.Paul 72) Nomads 425-0 (I.Miller 60), Cricketers 378-1 (T.Lloyd, M.Vickery 51) Rockey's Rollers 390-11 (F.Steed, S.Hoskin 58), Royal Oak Faces 317-2 (N.Jenkins, S.Pitt 44) Crown Royals 329-10 (D.Priddle 45), Ashill Boys 315-1 (R.Robson 48) Flying Turkeys 333-11 (T.Towill 54).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	2	20
Crown Crusaders	1	12
Ashill Boys	2	12
Rockey's Rollers	2	12
Cricketers	2	12
Crown Royals	1	10
Royal Oak Faces	2	5
Nomads	2	1
Bell A	0	0

Division Two

Hatch Beagles 370-10 (R.Miller 56) Wyndham Warriors 359-2 (P.Kneeshaw 53), Flying Turkeys 373-9 (D.Dillon 65) Ashill Inn 369-3 (N.Dopson 58), Kingshead 367-12 (Mark Tilley 57) Hatch Eggs 336-0 (A.Lockyer 46), Wyndham Clangers 295-3 (B.Richards 44) Ilton Choppers 296-9 (G.Hickton 42).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Kings Head	2	22
Ilton Choppers	2	18
Hatch Beagles	2	13
Wyndham Warriors	2	11
Flying Turkeys All St	1	9
Ashill Inn	2	5
Wyndham Clangers	1	3
Bell Broadway	1	3
Hatch Eggs	1	0

CREWKERNE LEAGUE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Stray Cats	1	11
Muddled Men	1	10
Lost Boys	1	10
Headhunters	1	10
Football Club	1	10
Con Club Legends	1	2
Super Sexy Six	1	2
Royal Oak Drimpton	1	2
Coachmen	1	2
The Fryers	1	1
King Willy Dogs	0	0
Raptors	0	0

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Brewers Bees	1	11
Perrott Monkeys	1	10
Rug Rats	1	10
Nomads	1	9
Club Fixers	1	9
Pinbusters	1	3
Muppets	1	3
Concorde	1	2
Rollers	1	2
Sports 92	1	1
Skimmers	0	0
Fuddlers	0	0

Division Three	Pld	Pts
The Likely Lads	1	12
Chis Colts	1	10
Acorns	1	10
Kings Men	1	10
Loud & Proud	1	10
Sandbaggers	1	9
Numpties	1	3
Hung Like Horses	1	2
Beer leg Boys	1	2
Knappers	1	2
Rotary	1	2
Willy Low Flyers	0	0
Ugly Ducklings	1	0

Motor Sport

Local team bounce back to claim second place

BROADWAY driver Gary Le Coadou and co-driver Paul Hollingham brought their Toyota Corolla WRC home to 2nd overall at the Prima Motorsport Stages, a round of the Association of South West Motor Club Sealed Stage Championship.

The rally, which was held at Upottery Airfield in Smeatharpe on Sunday, September 8th, had 10 stages covering a distance of 45 miles and was supported by 54 crews from around the UK.

The event was won by Steve and Yvonne Furzeland from Plymouth in their Subaru WRC Impreza S12, 32 seconds ahead of Gary's Corolla with third place going to Martyn & Dawn England in their Mitsubishi Evo 9.

The Toyota Team were pleased with the result as this followed two retirements on their penultimate rallies at Otterburn Ranges in Northumberland and on the Brecon Beacons at Epynt.

The event started with The Furzelands taking the immediate lead with their more modern machinery and it was clear from an early stage that Gary's main aim of the rally would be to try and hold off the Mitsubishi of Martyn & Dawn England.

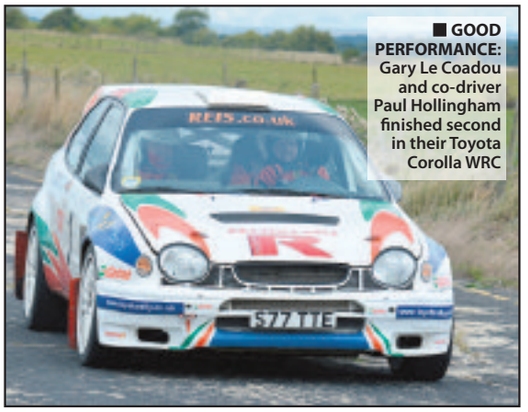
The Toyota took a one second advantage from them on SS1 which was immediately recovered by Martyn on SS2.

The next two stages saw Gary move six seconds ahead but then they set joint times on three of the remaining six before the Corolla finally pulled away and gained a 15 second advantage over the Mitsubishi.

Gary would like to thank his Service Crew Rob, Bill and Charlie for all their hard work on keeping the car going throughout the day and also special thanks to Neil Jones of Redstart Design.

Neil owns the Chard-based Engineering company who quickly designed and manufactured some new parts for the Corolla that were successfully used on the event.

The Corolla can be seen out this weekend at the Castle Combe Rally Day where it is offering a limited number of passenger rides around the circuit. For more information visit www.rallyday.com



■ GOOD PERFORMANCE: Gary Le Coadou and co-driver Paul Hollingham finished second in their Toyota Corolla WRC

scrum-down rugby news

Chard on top after bruising encounter

SOUTH WEST ONE

Chard 1st XV 18 North Petherton 7

WHAT a game to have as the opening fixture at home in the new season ***WRITES GLYN HUGHES.***

The match which was played in front of a large crowd and in virtually perfect conditions.

Chard switched Ryan Helliar to scrum-half and former skipper Mark Parsons regained his place in the starting line-up.

They certainly started the better and skipper Chris Doak slotted over a penalty goal after five minutes.

Soon after Chard increased their lead following some terrific work from their forwards.

Petherton were driven back deep into the their own '22' - Chard switched the play to their backs and the ball sped out to Joe Massey who went over in the corner for an unconverted try.

It wasn't long before Doak increased the lead with another penalty.

Petherton were somewhat shell-shocked at this stage but they realised that if they took the game to Chard then things could change.

Chard lost prop Luke Aplin to injury and he was replaced by Ben Robinson

Petherton were getting some success when they moved the ball out wide and away from the home forwards.

They created a few overlaps and on the half hour were rewarded when Damien Griffiths went over for a converted try to make the half-time score 11-7 to the hosts.

Things threatened to boil over after the turnaround when Chard hooker Robinson seemed to take a full blooded thud on the jaw out of sight of the referee.

Things hotted up in the aftermath and two players, one from each side, were sent to the bin.

Petherton had another player 'binned' not long afterwards but the firm action of the referee soon calmed things down.

Chard the better of the game in the final quarter and Ryan Helliar picked up from the base of a five metre scrum and weaved over the line for try converted by Doak.

Tomorrow Chard head down to Cornwall to play against promoted St Austell. A coach will be leaving the Chard Clubhouse at 11am, supporters wishing to board are welcome.

Somerset division one

Clevedon 2nds 58 Chard 2nds 7

CHARD have, for several seasons had a difficult start, and, despite plenty of effort went down to a good Clevedon side on Saturday.

The team are home to North Petherton 2nds tomorrow (3pm ko)

Somerset Division 2 south

Chard 3rds w/o Wells 3rds

CHARD had a walkover because Wells could not raise a side.

Tomorrow the team travel to play Castle Cary 2nds.

CREWKERNE RFC

Results*; September 14th - Crewkerne 1st XV 29 Hornets 5 (Som Div 1). 2nd XV 12 Wellington 2nds 36 (Som South 3).*

Tomorrow's fixtures*; Imperial v 1st XV, Wells 3rds v 2nd XV*

Somerset CCC news

Win boosts hopes

LAST week's seven-wicket win over Srrey at the County Ground has left Somerset's LV County Championship Division One survival hopes firmly in their own hands.

Unbeaten knocks from James Hildreth (36no) and Craig Kieswetter (34no) saw the Cidermen to their victory target of 132 with seven wickets in hand.

Earlier a career-best 4 for 43 from Craig Meschede had restricted Surrey to 197 all out.

The final game of what has been a difficult season commences at Trent Bridge on Tuesday when Somerset take on fellow strugglers Nottinghamshire.

◆ PETE Trego has become only the second Somerset player, after Piran Holloway, to score 1000 one-day runs in a season.

The 32-year-old passed the milestone during his innings of 40 in the recent YB40 semi-final against Nottingham.

Cornishman Holloway reached his notable four-figures back in 1999.

LV Div 1	P	W	L	D	Pts
Durham*	15	9	3	2	224.5
Yorkshire*	14	6	2	6	194
Middlesex*	15	6	4	5	179
Sussex	15	4	2	8	166
Warwickshire*	14	3	2	9	147
SOMERSET	15	3	5	7	136
Notts*	15	2	4	8	132
Derbyshire	15	3	9	3	120
Surrey*	14	1	5	8	103

** = matches in progress*

angling ilminster

Summer League 10

EIGHT Ilminster Angling Association members fished the final match of their Summer League at Dillington Pond last Sunday.

Despite the weather being pretty awful, some good weights were recorded, Bruce Hunt won again, this time with 293 fish on the whip for 14lb 9oz from peg eight.

Graham Field was second with 10lb 5oz from peg 14 and confirmed his place as the Summer League champion with 840 points.

Moses Holbrook was third with 9lb 6oz from peg 23.

Result: 1 – Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) – 14lb 9oz, 2 – Graham Field (Taunton) – 10lb 5oz, 3 – Moses Holbrook (Ilminster) – 9lb 6oz.

Final League Positions: 1 – Graham Field – 840pts, 2 – Moses Holbrook – 820pts, 3 – Robin Cox – 725pts.

For a full match report go to http://againstmenandfish.blogspot.co.uk/

◆ THE club would like to say a huge thank you to Steve and Cindy at the Royal Oak for their continued sponsorship and fantastic hospitality, and also a big thanks to Steve Parker for running a great little league.

The first river match is on Sunday, October 6th and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

No need for Glovers fans to panic

DESPITE only picking up one point from two away games since the international break, Yeovil Town still provide good value for the faithful travelling fans.

A draw at Hillsborough on Saturday against the Owls, and a narrow 2-1 defeat on Tuesday night at Portman Road sees the Glovers drop back into the bottom three of the Championship.

However, their performances to date must give every fan a lift and the prospect that they will be strong enough to stay up this season.

I like many, have been worried before the season began that they would be overpowered by teams with the financial clout to pay seemingly ridiculous money for players, but I have watched all the home games and have been heartened by their displays.

Birmingham City, Derby County and Reading are all well established and experienced Championship and former Premier league sides with big budgets, but Yeovil deserved a point, if not all three out of two of those games despite most of the players having stepped up to this level for the first time.

The trips to Sheffield Wednesday and Ipswich Town would have been a huge learning curve for the players as well, as they experienced attendances of 22,000 and 16,000 respectively - mostly home fans.

While they played in front of 41,000 at Wembley in May, the occasion and the fact that the number of opposing fans were fairly even, was probably not so fearsome, with virtually the whole stadium against you.

Tomorrow sees probably the "glamour" side of the league, Harry Redknapp's Queens Park Rangers, visit Huish.

Rob Green, Richard Dunne and Andy Johnson together with the infamous Joey Barton and latest signing Benoit Assou-Ekotto, all command wages which Glovers chairman John Fry can only dream about, but it shows the parameters in which the club have to try and survive.

Send the divers for early bath

ONCE again the subject of diving and simulation comes to the fore with one of the most notorious "divers" of them all Ashley Young once again in the limelight after being caught cheating at the weekend.

The answer is a red card – no if's or but's!

I am often critical about referees, particularly at the lower levels, but they can do without the additional burden of having to look out for this kind of behaviour.

In Young's case he was later legitimately fouled which resulted in the Crystal Palace defender being sent-off as the last man, which as the law stands was a correct decision; although it appears it was a free-kick not a penalty.

However, if Young had been dismissed for the original offence he would not have been on the field to draw the foul, and it would have been Manchester United with the ten men not Palace.

Regardless of whether the second incident occured, this appears to illustrate that cheats prosper.

There was a similar incident of simulation at Huish Park a couple of seasons ago when Charlton Athletic visited and both French-man Yann Kermorgant and Hogan Ephraim both went down as if poleaxed; Kermorgant on at least four occasions collapsing and clutching his face as if having been forearm smashed by Big Daddy, whilst Ephraim was also guilty of throwing himself to the ground twice in similar fashion.

Referee Brendan Malone ignored their amateur dramatics, but if he had taken action and sent them off, then Kermorgant wouldn't have been on the field to score the Addick's second goal in their 3-2 victory.

Cynicism is far too prevalent in football now and needs to be stopped. Poor referring by Ian Cooper at The Avenue last Saturday saw Dorchester, desperate for points, denied a possible equaliser by the most blatant foul by Bishop's Stortford's Sean Francis, who was not even looking at the ball as he cut down Aristede Bassele.

As often happens, this failure to act in such obvious circumstances leaves the offended side upset and soon after Magpie's Lewis Morgan was sent-off and manager Phil Simkin sent to the stand for remonstrating at the injustice.

Chard & District Pool League

Les Sloman Memorial Cup

Round One

Phoenix v Part Mad, UFO's v Team Phoenix, Charlies Angels v Rosies Rogues, Phoenix Flyers v Workies, Jerry Hat Trix v Rise of the Phoenix, Balls Deep v Ringers, Avengers v Avn't got a Cue, Chough Mingers v Piston Broke.

◆ *Matches to be played on Sunday, September 29th (Results to be with Alan Mackay by Wednesday, Octoner 2nd.*

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Current tables

Toolstation D1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Bradford Town	7	18	19
Barnstaple Town	7	15	19
Cribbs	8	9	19
Shepton Mallet	7	8	13
Welton Rovers	9	3	13
Wellington	6	1	13
CHARD TOWN (7th)	***9***	***0***	***12***
Devizes Town	7	0	12
Almondsbury UWE	9	-2	12
Cheddar	7	-4	12
Westbury United	9	-6	11
Wincanton Town	9	2	10
Roman Glass	6	-1	10
Wells City	6	0	9
Chippenham Park	8	-4	9
Ashton & Backwell	5	4	8
Warminster Town	8	-4	8
Calne Town	6	-1	7
Corsham Town	5	-11	6
Oldland Abbotonians	6	-4	4
Keynsham Town	8	-15	3
Portishead Town	6	-8	0

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Nailsea Utd	8	8	19
Minehead	7	16	17
Stockwood Green	8	0	15
Shirehampton	6	20	14
Fry Club	8	13	14
Clutton	7	4	13
Nailsea Town	7	0	12
Watchet Town	6	0	10
Weston St Johns	8	-1	10
Bridgwater Town Res	8	-5	10
Langford Rovers	8	-5	9
Berrow	7	0	8
Yatton Athletic	8	-7	8
Street Res	7	-10	8
Bishops Lydeard	6	-4	4
Cutters Friday	6	-13	4
ILMINSTER TOWN	***6***	***-6***	***3***
Odd Down Res	7	-10	3

Somerset D2W (top)	Pld	+/-	Pts
North Curry	7	15	15
Uphill Castle	5	15	15
Kewstoke Lions	8	7	15
Cleeve West Town	5	10	13
Winscombe	5	8	12
Wells City Res	6	5	12
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***8***	***4***	***10***
Worle	7	1	10
Churchill Club	6	-9	9
Portishead Town Res	6	1	9
Staplegrove	5	0	7
Burnham Utd Res	7	-13	7
Nailsea Utd Res	6	-7	6

football scores, results and news

Watertight Chard win again

Chard Town 1
Portishead Town 0
TOOLSTATION DIVISION ONE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
Att: 70

A GOAL from ex-Street defender Leigh Bailey in last Saturday's 1-0 win over Portishead Town was enough to extend Chard Town's winning win to four matches.

Just as pleasing for the Robins' manager Nik Flory and assistant Adam Fricker will have been a third successive clean sheet – the first time the team have achieved this for seven and half years!

Bailey struck from a corner after only three minutes but the Robins could not build on this early success as the visitors, struggling near the foot of the table, fought hard to come back into the game.

Bailey then struck an upright with a further effort on the quarter-hour following some good work by Andy Martin.

Soon after Martin's 20th minute free-kick was well directed but just cleared the bar with visiting 'keeper Lee Ballard out of position.

Ballard did however deal well with further efforts from Tauflik Ben-Salem and Ed Butcher.

At the other end Chard's 17-year-old 'keeper Charlie Ledger, making his first team debut, saved well from a Portishead free-kick.

On 35 minutes Sam Spurway headed just wide from another free-kick but the best opportunity for Chard to increase their lead came on 42 minutes when, following a Ballard foul in the area on Ben-Salem, a penalty was awarded but Adam Fricker's spot-kick sailed over the bar.

In the second-half Portishead missed a golden chance to equalise on 55 minutes when they squandered a one-on-one chance with only Ledger to beat.

Ledger continued to impress with several well-judged saves but he was beaten on 70 minutes but the referee awarded a free-kick for a push on a Chard defender in the build-up.

Butcher and Oscar Latis both went close late-on but Chard had to settle for the 1-0 score line.

Chard team : Charlie Ledger, Adam Fricker, Darren Hutchings, Mike McCormack, Leigh Bailey, Sam Spurway, George Chlopecki, Andy Martin, Oscar Latis, Tauflik Ben-Salem (Nathan Warren 85) Ed Butcher (Jamie Barfoot 76) Shaun Wells Burr not used.

■ **MATCH WINNER: Leigh Bailey**

Chard, currently lying 7th in the Toolstation Division One table, head off to Bowdens Park to take on 10th placed Cheddar tomorrow.

Devon & Exeter League

Premier Division
HEAVITREE UNITED 1
CHARD TOWN RESERVES 6

CHARD Town Reserves continued their unbeaten start to the season with a 6-1 away day mauling of Heavitree United in the Devon & Exeter Premier Division.

Star of the show was striker James Boyland who netted four times. Greg Channing and Craig Every scored the Robins' other goals.

Stu Parris' side travel to face Thorverton tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the D&E Premier division has been reduced to 15 teams with the confirmation that struggling Morchard Bishop have withdrawn.

Somerset League

ILMINSTER TOWN RES 2
NAILSEA UNITED 4

LAPSES in concentration cost Ilminster Town dearly in their clash with reigning league champions Nailsea United who moved two points clear at the top of the table after a 4-2 win at the Rec.

A deflected Matt Long goal edged the visitors in front after an even first-half.

Carl Lazenby nodded home his fifth goal of the campaign to equalize four minutes after the turn-around following a pin-point cross from Alex Paul.

Three minutes later the Blues were ahead. Another superb cross, this time from Andy Whitefield, found Sam Tratt who headed past Josh Dann in the Nailsea goal.

Then Chris Nezianya missed a one-on-one chance and the game turned.

Three goals in the last 25 minutes ultimately left the hosts empty-handed.

But player-manager Darren Manley was impressed by his side's performance against a strong outfit, he said: "We're nearly there, the results will come soon - we definitely had them rattled".

Manley also confirmed to the ***WEEKENDER*** that he was confident of bringing in two new signings in the near future.

Down in Division Two (west) **Combe St Nicholas**' trip to unbeaten Uphill Castle proved to be as tough as it appeared on paper.

The Saints shipped five for the second game in row as they went down 5-1.

Manager Phil Loaring was disappointed to go into the game with a bare 11 players, he said: "We had two players drop out late on Saturday morning."

The hosts were 2-0 up inside the opening half-hour but Harry Boddington pulled one back for Combe, who also created two more good chances before the interval.

The second-half belonged to 'Castle who cruised to a 5-1 victory.

Chard Town FC upcoming fixtures

(TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE UNLESS STATED).

September
25th v Wellington (A),
28th v Ashton & Backwell (A).

October
1st v Weston-super-Mare (A, Somerset Premier Cup),
5th v Oldland Abb (H, 3pm),
8th v Barnstaple Town (A),
12th v Cheddar (H),
19th v Cribbs FL (A),
26th v Almondsbury (H, 3pm).

November
2nd v Bradford Town (A)
9th v Warminster Town (H)
16th v Chippenham Park (A)
23rd v Corsham Town (H)
30th v Calne Town (A)

STREET SCENE

Howard Larcombe *ON THE*
PERRY STREET & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Winsham United in tatters at Tatworth

Last weekend's news
Premier
PERRY STREET 10 WINSHAM UNITED 0

WINSHAM United suffered their biggest defeat for more than ten years as they were thrashed at Tatworth on Saturday.

Tormentor in-chief was Liam Riste who netted a hat-trick in the first 14 minutes.

Riste ended up with four while Jay Bailey bagged two and there were singles for; Harry Lemon, Ryan Mason, Dan Harvey and Darren Spurdle against his old club.

MILLWEY RISE 1 W & M CHINNOCK 3

TWO early goals put the Chinnocks on the way to their first points on their return to the Premier division.

A foul on Dan Harvey by Millwey full-back Haydn Lewis allowed Damian Hart to slot home a third minute penalty. This was followed by a Mark Cawley strike in the 11th minute.

With Ben Turner headed off to play for Axminster Town, Rise pressed pick-of-the-league centre-back Elliott Dyer into a midfield role and it was Dyer who raised hopes of a home fight back when he netted 10 minutes from time.

But these were extinguished when Luke Williams lobbed home deep into injury-time.

Millwey have also lost the services of Sam Dibling who is off to Tiverton Town.

COMBE RES 0 CREWKERNE TOWN 5

A RICHARD Crabb goal gave the Tigers a slender lead at the interval at Slades Cross.

The visitors went up a gear after the turnaround and Crabb added a second before Pete Symes smashed home a long-range scorcher into the top corner.

Top-scorer Jamie Spurdle took his season's tally up to eight with a late double.

LYME REGIS 3 ILMINSTER ROWN RES 1

LYME Regis began life under new manager Tim Edwards with a three-point haul over Ilminster Town Reserves at the Davey Fort.

Lyme took the lead in the ninth minute when Sam Jones crossed for Jack Durrant to tap-in.

But some over casual play in the back line allowed livewire striker Taylor Jefferson to rasp home a low 20-yard equaliser into the bottom corner five minutes later.

The Blues almost took the lead in the 52nd minute when Luke Clifton was caught in possession but 'keeper Chris Higgs did well to block Jefferson from close range.

Lyme regained the lead 20 minutes from time when Julien Simier pulled the ball back from the byline to Lee Cleal who poked home from six-yards out.

Ilminster claims of a call of 'mine' in the build-up were dismissed by referee Phil Hartley.

Jones then smashed a 25-yarder that beat 'keeper Josh Lee but clipped the crossbar.

But Lee could do nothing to keep out a superb 20-yarder from Jones in the 82nd minute that clipped the foot of the upright before zipping into the net.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 1 BEAMINSTER 2

BEAMINSTER were another team to hand their new manager three points in his opening outing at the helm.

Joe Singleton put Matt Hughes' side ahead with a first-half strike. The lead was doubled when Josh Hunter volleyed home from a corner midway through the second period.

A free-kick converted by Jon Spendlowe saw the hosts grab a foothold but this was ended when defender Kris Hastings was shown a straight red card by referee Simon Salter for a two-footed lunge.

Round-up - Division One

PYMORE'S wait for their first point on their return to division one continues after they let slip a 3-1 lead against **Forton Rangers** at St Mary's.

Goals from Matt Tither, Orrin Newbury and Cameron Murless appeared to have put the hosts in control. But Rangers battled back with strikes from Dave Fowler (2) and Lee Richardson (2).

South Petherton continued their impressive start, but they were made to work hard at Eastlee Park by hosts Farway United.

Pethy were in control at half-time leading 2-0 courtesy of Danny Rendall and Jody Bovey.

But the Devonians struck twice to level and it took Callum Smith to set-up brother Ashley for a late winner to clinch the win for Karl Diment's team.

Perry Street Reserves are also going well. Dan Collins scored twice in a 5-2 win up at **Barrington**.

Elsewhere, Steve Batey netted a hat-trick as Lyme Regis Reserves thrashed Beaminster Reserves 5-0.

Division Two

CHARMOUTH were left kicking their heels after **South Petherton Reserves** failed to raise a team for the game at Barrs Lane.

Over at Netherbury a Matt Vinall goal couldn't save **Dowlish & Donyatt** from a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Waytown Hounds.

Golden Boot holder Warren Gabbidon opened his division two account for **Combe A** as one of five scorers in a 5-0 win over struggling **Ilminster Colts**.

Luso-Chard made it two wins from two and no goals against in their debut season in the division with a 2-0 victory over **Crewkerne Reserves** at Henhayes.

Meanwhile, Steve Bryant scored twice as **Crewkerne Rangers** ended a seven game winless trot with a 4-2 triumph over **Thorncombe**.

Division Three

THERE was a classic goal fest at Jocelyn Park where **Chard United Reserves** defeated **Drimpton** by the odd goal in 11!

Bryan Garrett scored four times for Chard while Simon Denslow struck twice for the Greens.

Over at the Woodroffe School newly promoted **Shepton Beauchamp Reserves** showed their battling qualities to fightback from 2-0 down to snatch a point off Lyme Bantams. Craig Lodge and Aaron Stayner scored the goals.

Former Drimpton striker Callum Preston was another of the weekend's four-goal heroes as he helped **Ilminster A** beat **Winsham Reserves** 5-2.

Down in Devon a hat-trick from Brad-Lee Miller cancelled out strikes from ex-Ilminster pair Gethyn Jenkins and Jake Woodard as **Barrington Reserves** went down 4-2 at Millwey Reserves.

Elsewhere, Matt Shattock scored both **Chard Rangers** goals in a 5-2 home defeat by Hawkchurch United.

Division Four

THORNCOMBE Reserves survived a fightback from a youthful Uplyme Reserves side to clinch a 5-4 win at Horseshore Lane.

Gary Parsley and Stuart Packer both scored twice for the Thorns who led 4-1 before being pegged back to 4-4.

Meanwhile, Kieran Adams scored all four in **Merriott Dynamos**' 4-4 draw with **Crewkerne Rangers Res** at Hinton.

Kingsbury Episcopi recorded their first ever clean sheet on their travels as they won 3-0 at **Misterton Reserves** where danger man Nigel Jeffries was once again on the score sheet.

Combe B failed to raise a team for their trip to Farway Reserves.

Finally, **Forton Reserves** near-perfect start continued with Josh Higgins and Dean Salter (pen) netting in a 2-0 win over **Hinton**.

FRIENDLY: DORSET FA SELECT 3
PERRY STREET & DIST LEAGUE SELECT 0

THERE were no complaints from PSDL Pick-of-the-League manager Karl Diment as he saw his side defeated at Bridport on Thursday evening.

Diment said: "They were much fitter and faster than us. Like us, their players have only played one match in their league, so we've no excuses there.

However, they did get together for a training session beforehand and this, added to us missing five lads who did so well in last season's Mavis Tate cup winning team, may have played a part.

PSDL*; W.Meech, K.White (both Lyme Regis), E.Dyer (Millwey Rise), J.Manley (Crewkerne Town), S.Bourne (South Petherton), M.Bailey, S.Jones (both Lyme Regis), P.McCormack, J.Spurdle (both Crewkerne Town), M.Legg (Beaminster), J.Bond (Lyme Regis). Subs (all used); J.Baker, D.Hyett (both Beaminster), L.Holt, T.Case (both South Petherton).*

Results: Saturday, September 14th
Premier
Millwey Rise 1 W&M Chinnock 3
Combe Res 0 Crewkerne Town 5
Lyme Regis 3 Ilminster Town Res 1
Perry Street 10 Winsham Utd 0
Shepton Beau 1 Beaminster 2
Division One
Farway Utd 2 South Petherton 3
Barrington 2 Perry St Res 5
Beaminster Res 0 Lyme Regis Res 5
Pymore 3 Forton Rangers 4
Division Two
Charmouth p South Pethn Res p
Combe A 5 Ilminster Colts 0
Crewkerne Rang 4 Thorncombe 2
Crewkerne Res 0 Luso-Chard 2
Waytown Hounds 2 Dowlish & D 1
Division Three
Chard Rangers 2 Hawkchurch 5
Chard Utd Res 6 Drimpton 5
Ilminster A 5 Winsham Res 2
Lyme Bantams 2 Shepton Res 2
Millwey Res 4 Barrington Res 2
Division Four
Forton Res 2 Hinton 0
Merriott Dyn 4 Crewk Rang Res 4
Misterton Res 0 Kingsbury 3
Thorncombe Res 5 Uplyme Res 4
Farway Utd Res p Combe B p

Tomorrow's Fixures
(All 2.30pm ko unless stated)
Somerset Intermediate Cup R1
Chard Rangers v Hinton
Chard Utd v Hutton
Cleeve West Town v Merriott Dyn
Combe A v Minehead Res
Hydez Futebol v Crewkeren Res
Kingsbury v Baltonsborough
Misterton Res v KV
Perry St Res v Mells & Vobster
Redgate v Crewkerne Rangers
Premier
Millwey Rise v Misterton (2pm)
Beaminster v Perry Street
Crewkerne v Lyme Regis
Shepton Beau v Combe Res
Winsham Utd v W&M Chinnock
Division One
Farway Utd v Beaminster Res (2pm)
Lyme Regis Res v Pymore
South Petherton v Netherbury
Uplyme v Barrington
Division Two
Dowlish & Donyatt v Thorncombe
Ilminster Colts v Charmouth
Luso-Chard v Waytown Hounds
Division Three
Barrington Res v Winsham Res
Hawkchurch v Ilminster A
Lyme Bantams v Chard Utd Res
Millwey Res v Drimpton (4.15pm)
Division Four
Forton Res v Chard Rangers Res
Thorncombe Res v Combe B
Farway Utd Res v Uplyme Res (4.15pm)

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